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The FDA yesterday approved a new medication for Alzheimer's disease despite fierce debate over whether it works, Page A5



TODAY'S MUST-READS

SPRINGFIELD

Factors in rail car derailment probed

The MBTA acknowledged yesterday that the switch in the tracks where a Springfield-built CRRC Orange Line subway car derailed in March likely contributed to the derailment.

Jeff Gonneville, deputy general manager of the Massachusetts Bay Transportation Authority, also said another contributing factor in the derailment was that the more the cars traveled the harder it becomes to turn the assembly that attaches the wheels to the rest of the car.

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BOSTON

Formation of new political districts debated

As local officials wait for the U.S. Census Bureau to provide community-specific population data, Secretary of State William Galvin said yesterday that legislation to put congressional and legislative redistricting ahead of local reprecincting would be "devastating" to cities and towns, putting him at odds with voting rights advocates.

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BOSTON

Connecticut leaves climate initiative

The controversial regional effort to reduce vehicle emissions along the East Coast that advanced in December with just four of 13 interested jurisdictions agreeing to take part appears to have dwindled, at least for the time being, to include just Massachusetts, Rhode Island and Washington, D.C. as active participants.

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WEATHER

Heavy afternoon rain, hot.
High: 91°; **Low:** 68°

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WEST SPRINGFIELD

Gunmaker gets \$750K grant for move

Troy Industries relocating to Tennessee this month

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Gunmaker Troy Industries Inc., which announced last month that it is moving to Tennessee, is in the process of getting a \$750,000 grant from the state of Tennessee to help finance the move.

With the announcement May 13, Troy cited the changing climate for firearms manufacturers as a reason for its move. Company officials didn't return calls for comment then or on yesterday.

The grant is noted on the economic development section of the

"Transparent Tennessee" website.

The grant is listed as pending a signed contract.

Any grant larger than \$750,000 would require the approval of the state funding board in Tennessee.

The money comes as part of that state's FastTrack grant program that can offset costs companies incur when expanding or locating a business in Tennessee.

The \$7.2 million project is expected to create 75 jobs at a new plant in Clarksville, Tennessee, which is about 45 miles northwest of Nashville.

The company told American Rifleman, which is put out by the NRA, that it would begin the transition this month and complete the move within five years.

The company's 41,000-square-foot building at 151 Capital Drive in West Springfield is for sale at an asking price of \$3.8 million.

Founded by Steve Troy Jr. in 2003, Troy Industries makes small arms components, accessories and complete weapon upgrades.

The only recent talk of new gun regulations in Beacon Hill is a

proposal backed by the group Stop Handgun Violence and lawmakers including state Rep. Bud Williams, D-Springfield, that would ban the manufacture of firearms in Massachusetts that are banned from sale here.

There are at least 24 gun manufacturers in Massachusetts, including industry giant Smith & Wesson and Savage Arms in Westfield, and the industry supports roughly 7,800 jobs in Massachusetts, according to state statistics.

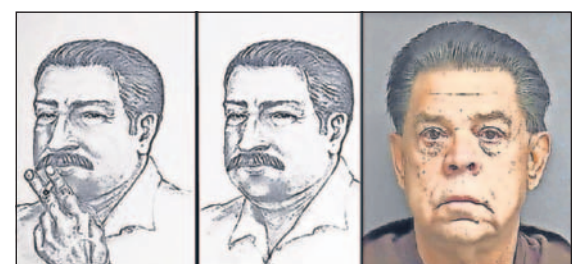
The gun industry here is largely the legacy of Springfield Armory and the more than a century of innovation there in precision manufacturing.



SPRINGFIELD

Beating the heat

Above, 3-year old Nas Irvine, left, and 4-year old Alexander Zuniga enjoy the splash pad at Mary Troy Park on Liberty Street. At left, 8-year old Zariya Ravel cools off at Emerson Wright Park in the South End. In the background is her sister, Zaneicha DeLeon, 11. (DON TREGER / THE REPUBLICAN)



A sketch of a middle-aged man seen near Comins Pond in Warren the day before 16-year-old Molly Bish was abducted on June 27, 2000, compared to a photo authorities released of Francis P. Sumner, now considered a person of interest in the murder case.

SPRINGFIELD

Bish suspect matches past descriptions

Criminal profiler: Things stand out with new 'person of interest'

By SCOTT J. CROTEAU
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When the newest "person of interest" was named in the abduction and killing of Molly Bish, criminal profiler and psychotherapist John Kelly looked back at his group's files on the case.

He looked over a June 26, 2001, profile on the abductor. It was created by his group, New Jersey-based STALK Inc., just a day before the year anniversary of Molly's June 27, 2000, disappearance from Comins Pond in Warren.

Three things stood out: the man's smoking, his prior conviction for sexual assault and his employment.

But what follows are the questions of how the Worcester District Attorney's Office has pinpointed Francis P. Sumner as someone possibly involved in the 16-year-old's death.

Kelly saw one picture of Sumner, which was released by District Attorney Joseph D. Early Jr's office, that made him take notice. It was Sumner holding a Marlboro-brand cigarette with another one out of the pack, ready to be smoked.

STALK Inc.'s 2001 profile said Molly's abductor would be a chain smoker and nicotine would be a substance of choice.

But the way Sumner held the cigarette was jarring to Kelly.

"It blew me away ... the way he was holding it," the profiler said.

The day before Molly disappeared, her mother dropped her off for her lifeguard job, as was routine. Magi Bish remembered seeing a man smoking a cigarette while sitting in a white car.

A police sketch was drawn and has remained an image connected with Molly's case for years.

For Molly's sister, Heather Bish, the photo of Sumner shown to her last week by Massachusetts State Police detectives as they returned some of her sister's belongings brought back her mother's description of the man in the car.

"I was easily able to identify the way he held a cigarette, his mannerisms, his build. My mom talked about the larger build. He had a collared shirt on. My mom remembered this person wear-

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SPRINGFIELD

New COVID cases drop

Springfield reports lowest number since start of pandemic

By PETER GOONAN
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New cases of coronavirus continued to show a dramatic drop last week among city residents, marking the lowest number since the pandemic began in March 2020.

There was a total of 65 new COVID-19 cases involving city residents last week, May 30 to June 5, as compared to 118 cases the week before, May 23-29, said Helen R. Caulton-Harris, the city's commissioner of health and human services, yesterday.

"It is gratifying to see our numbers this low," Caulton Harris said. "The decrease in numbers I believe is related to vaccination and also to the fact that the weather has most residents outside and we know that there is less risk in virus transmission when individuals are outdoors."

Mayor Domenic J. Sarno said he and Caulton-Harris will continue to "keep the foot on the gas" to urge residents to get vaccinated and to

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Springfield reported 65 new COVID-19 cases involving city residents last week, May 30 to June 5, as compared to 118 cases the week before, said Helen R. Caulton-Harris, the city's commissioner of health and human services, yesterday. (MASSLIVE FILE PHOTO)



WASHINGTON

US recovers most of ransom payment

Ransomware task force completes 1st operation

BY ERIC TUCKER
Associated Press

The Justice Department has recovered most of a multimillion-dollar ransom payment made to hackers after a cyberattack that caused the operator of the nation’s largest fuel pipeline to halt its operations last month, officials said yesterday.

The operation to recover the cryptocurrency from the Russia-based hacker group is the first undertaken by a specialized ransomware task force created by the Biden administration Justice Department, and reflects a rare victory as U.S. officials scramble to confront a rapidly accelerating ransomware threat that has targeted critical industries around the world.

“By going after the entire ecosystem that fuels ransomware and digital currency, we will continue to use all of our tools and all of our resources to increase the costs and the consequences of ransomware attacks and other cyber-enabled attacks,” Deputy Attorney General Lisa Monaco said at a news conference announcing the operation.

Georgia-based Colonial Pipeline, which supplies roughly half the fuel consumed on the East Coast, temporarily shut down its operations on May 7 after a gang of cybercriminals using the DarkSide ransomware variant broke into its computer system. The ransomware variant used by DarkSide, which has been the subject of an FBI investigation for the last year, is one of more than 100 that law enforcement officials have identified, said FBI Deputy

Director Paul Abbate.

Colonial officials have said they took their pipeline system offline before the attack could spread to its operating systems, and decided soon after to pay ransom of 75 bitcoin — then valued at roughly \$4.4 million — in hopes of bringing itself back online as soon as it could. The company’s president and chief executive, Joseph Blount, is set to testify before congressional panels this week.

In a statement, Blount said he was grateful for the FBI’s efforts and said holding hackers accountable and disrupting their activities “is the best way to deter and defend against future attacks of this nature.

“The private sector also has an equally important role to play and we must continue to take cyber threats seriously and invest accordingly to harden our defenses,” he added.

Cryptocurrency is favored by cybercriminals because it enables direct online payments regardless of geographical location, but in this case, the FBI was able to identify a virtual currency wallet used by the hackers and recovered the proceeds from there, said the FBI’s Abbate.

Though the FBI generally discourages the payment of ransom, fearing it could encourage additional hacks, Monaco said one takeaway for the private sector is that if companies come quickly to law enforcement after ransomware incidents, officials may be able to help them recover funds too.

The Bitcoin amount seized — 63.7, currently valued at \$2.3 million after the price of Bitcoin tumbled— amounted to 85% of the total ransom paid.

LOTTERIES

MASS. DAILY NUMBERS		
Monday, June 7		
	Mid Day 8584	Evening 8079
Exact order		
All 4	\$5,128	\$4,572
First or last 3	\$718	\$640
Any 2	\$62	\$55
Any 1	\$6	\$5
Any order		
All 4	\$427	\$190
First 3	\$239	\$107
Last 3	\$120	\$107
Previous numbers drawn		
Sunday	4741	2298
Saturday	2120	1252
Friday	7052	6001
Thursday	9931	8396
Wednesday	3927	4154
Tuesday	3459	6173
MEGA MILLIONS		
June 4	4-30-34-41-64	
Megaball: 8; Megaplier: 3		
June 1	7-11-33-58-63	
Megaball: 23; Megaplier: 2		

TODAY’S OBITUARIES

Listed by name, these obituaries can be found in today’s paper. You may view these obituaries and sign the guest book at masslive.com/obituaries.

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BOSTON

Dem announces run for lieutenant governor

BY MATT MURPHY
State House News Service

Progressive Democratic Rep. Tami Gouveia kicked off her campaign for lieutenant governor yesterday, calling for universal pre-kindergarten, debt-free higher education and Medicare for All as she became the first to jump into the 2022 field.

Gouveia, who was first elected to the Legislature in 2018, released a video announcing her candidacy that focused on her upbringing in Lowell and the role government played in helping her family climb into the middle



TAMI GOUVEIA

class. “When I was a kid, my community and our government had our back. I am running for Lieutenant Governor to make sure we have yours,” Gouveia said.

On Friday, it was reported that Gouveia had been calling House colleagues informing them of her decision to run for lieutenant governor rather than seek reelection to a third term next year.

The Acton Democrat re-

cently earned her doctorate degree in public health, and in her announcement she highlighted the work she has done to fight substance abuse and climate change and to defend LGBTQ and women’s reproductive rights. “The crises facing us require a public health response guided by and for the people,” Gouveia said.

The electoral landscape is slowly taking shape for 2022, and the race for lieutenant governor on the Democratic side is wide open.

Many Democrats with ambitions for statewide office are waiting to see what

incumbents like Attorney General Maura Healey, Secretary of State William Galvin and Treasurer Deb Goldberg decide to do.

Bret Bero, a Babson College business professor and former small business owner, also launched his “exploratory campaign” for lieutenant governor on Monday.

Bero teaches strategic problem solving, management consulting and business turnarounds, joining the faculty after selling his Orange-based deep-draw metal forming company ECHO Industries in 2019.

Suspect

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ing a collared shirt, his hairline, his eyebrow line, the black eyes,” Heather said in an interview with MassLive.

Kelly noticed Sumner’s hairline along with his team of profilers and spotted the resemblance to the police sketch.

Sumner was identified as a new “person of interest” in Molly’s killing but Early would only say new evidence pointed investigators in his direction.

“How did this new evidence come to light? Was he even on their (investigator’s) radar?” Kelly questioned.

Several area sex offenders were rounded up after Molly’s disappearance. Kelly wonders if Sumner, a registered level 2 sex offender from Spencer who died in 2016, was ever one of those men.

Details of a rape case where Sumner was convicted listed two other details Kelly’s group had in its 2001 profile.

The person suspected of abducting Molly would have a history of physical or sexual assault toward women. The person also would be employed as someone centering around computers, contracting, cleaning or auto repair.

Sumner ran or worked for auto body shops. Records show he ran shops in Leicester, Worcester, Spencer and Rutland.

“It jumped right out. When I went back and took a look at the profile, I said there it is,” Kelly said. “We knew it had to be a guy who had a visually oriented, hands-on job.”

Trigger warning: Details of rape and assault follow.

Kelly looked at the details of the October 1981 case where Sumner was eventually convicted for aggravated rape and kidnapping.

A 21-year-old woman had a friend’s Cadillac painted at Sumner’s auto body shop. Sumner ended up having the woman clean an apartment for him in Auburn.

When the woman was done cleaning, Sumner blocked her from leaving and locked the three locks on the door. He began kissing her as she pushed him away.



MOLLY BISH

“After some struggling, Sumner said, ‘Just give it to me and I won’t hurt you.’ Then he said, ‘Give it to me or I’ll kill you,’” records show. “She was crying but was unable to push him away.”

That’s when Sumner began choking the woman. She screamed, hoping someone upstairs would hear her. Sumner then squeezed the woman’s throat again as she gasped for air, records said.

Sumner was indicted in Worcester Superior Court on Jan. 13, 1982. A trial began June 18 and ended July 9, at which point he was found guilty on charges of aggravated rape and kidnapping.

He was sentenced to concurrent sentences of 15 to 18 years on the rape charge and 9 to 10 years on the kidnapping charges. The earliest Sumner could have been released from Walpole State Prison was in 1997. It was not

there.

All that was left at the scene were Molly’s shoes, a medical kit, a water bottle and a police radio on the lifeguard chair.

The person had to know swimmers were headed to the pond, Kelly said.

Molly’s remains were discovered three years later by a hunter in Palmer, just 2.5 miles away from the pond.

Kelly wondered if Sumner ever took his children to that pond. He wondered if Sumner was a hunter or fisherman and knew the area around the pond and where Molly’s remains were found.

“They have to be able to put him in that area,” Kelly said while discussing the ability to name Sumner as more than a person of interest. “It was the perfect dump site (Palmer) to get rid of a body. How did he know that site?”

Heather said it is possible her family used one of Sumner’s auto repair shops at some point, but she is not certain. Kelly wonders if Sumner ever crossed paths with Molly and her family.

they wrote. “We are proud of Molly’s legacy of keeping children safe, advocating for families, and we feel it most strongly right now, reflected in our community. Thank you to those brave people who provided tips and information to the detectives. We recognize how hard and scary that can be.”

The district attorney’s office said Sumner was active in central Massachusetts from 1960 through his May 4, 2016, death. Sumner was 71 when he died at his home in Spencer. Kelly also wondered what Sumner’s training was with the Massachusetts National Guard, something noted in Sumner’s obituary.

Investigators are seeking tips from the public, the district attorney’s office said, looking specifically for information related to Sumner’s employment practices and personnel, associates, vehicles, travel and any known habits. Anyone with information on Sumner or the Molly Bish case is asked to call an anonymous tip line at 508-453-7575.

Another person of interest in the case included Rodney Stanger, who used to fish and hunt in the area and lived in the Southbridge area at the time of Molly’s abduction. In 2010, Stanger was sentenced to 25 years in prison for the 2008 stabbing death of his girlfriend in Florida.

Authorities from the Worcester District Attorney’s Office would later execute a search warrant at Stanger’s Florida trailer home.

Early said Stanger has not been ruled out as a person of interest. Asked if there were other people of interest in the case, Early said he could not share details because it was part of the investigation, but that his office felt “very comfortable putting Sumner’s name out.”

Kelly’s group has also not ruled out Stanger. The sketch looks like Stanger as much as it does Sumner, he said.

The profiler believed the person involved in Molly’s killing would kill again. Stanger’s conviction fits that theory, Kelly said.

MassLive reporter Melissa Hanson contributed to this report.

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John Kelly, criminal profiler and psychotherapist

immediately clear how long Sumner was incarcerated for that case. Early said Sumner was incarcerated several times during his life.

A record of Sumner’s driving history shows he was pulled over in July 1998 in Worcester for speeding.

Kelly said Sumner’s rape case showed he wanted control of the woman and his surroundings.

One could argue the person involved in Molly’s abduction and killing controlled the situation as well. If the abductor was the man seen in the white car the day before, planning was also involved, Kelly said.

The profiler noted the short time frame someone would have to abduct Molly.

Magi dropped Molly off at Comins Pond around 9:45 a.m. Within 25 minutes, swimmers showed up and discovered no lifeguard was

“It’s hard to say,” Heather told MassLive. “My mom doesn’t recall going to Spencer at all and using any of the garages out there. Would it have been possible if my dad lost a tire or needed a quick oil change or something, and having worked in that town?”

She added, “We’re not sure what the ties are between Molly and Frank Sumner yet but I’m scared and eager to find out.”

Molly’s parents, John and Magi Bish, released a statement through the district attorney’s office that thanked the investigators. They did not mention if they knew or recognized Sumner.

“Our hearts are heavy with our loss and the reality of what may have happened to our daughter, but we are hopeful that there will be resolution and that no one else will ever be harmed,”

The state’s seven-day average positive test rate stands at 0.53% as of June 5, down from 1.43% on May 5 and 8.11% on Jan. 5. The ongoing decline in the positivity rate comes as vaccination numbers continue to increase.

As of Sunday afternoon, the DPH said that more than 4.26 million people in Massachusetts have received at least a first dose of the Moderna or Pfizer vaccines, and another 257,288 people have gotten the single-dose Johnson and Johnson vaccine.

A total of 3,835,277 have gotten the necessary shots to be fully vaccinated against COVID-19.Of the more than 9.33 million vaccine doses shipped to Massachusetts by the federal government, about 86.7% have gone into people’s arms, according to the DPH.

COVID

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continue to offer neighborhood clinics.

The coronavirus pandemic took hold in March 2020, initially leading to 54 cases among Springfield residents for that month. The city declared a state of emergency on March 13, 2020, as the crisis spread globally.

The city had no new reports of COVID-related deaths among Springfield residents last week, marking the sixth consecutive week of no new recorded deaths tied to the virus. There have been 246 deaths among Springfield residents since the pandemic began.

This past Thursday, the state announced that Springfield was moved from the yellow category - deemed at moderate risk of coronavirus - to the green category for communities at

low risk of the virus. Springfield previously was in the red category for communities deemed at greatest risk of COVID-19.

Caulton-Harris said, however, that the city continues to have concerns that vaccination rates in Springfield lag significantly behind the rates statewide.

In Springfield, 28.2% percent of residents under age 65 are fully vaccinated as compared to the statewide vaccination rate for that age group, which is 47.2%. she said.

The vaccination rate for Springfield residents ages 65 to 74, is 74.7% as compared to the state which is 82.9%

The vaccination rate for Springfield residents 75 and older is 71%, and 80.8% statewide.

Springfield continues to have neighborhood clinics for vaccines, but Caulton-Harris said foot traffic is slow. There is no

need for appointments as residents can just walk in for their shots, she said.

Since Friday, the number of hospitalized COVID-19 patients in Massachusetts has been below 200, the first time it’s fallen beneath that threshold since September 2020. As of Sunday’s report from the Department of Public Health, 178 people with COVID-19 were hospitalized in Massachusetts, down from 236 a week earlier.

Of those 178, 64 were in intensive care. Public health officials reported 126 new cases of COVID-19 on Sunday and 216 on Saturday, bringing the state’s total caseload to 662,154 since February of 2020.

The report of four recent deaths linked to confirmed COVID-19 cases on each Saturday and Sunday raises the fatality count here to 17,548, or 17,911 with the deaths of 363 people with probable cases added in.

SPECIAL ADVERTISEMENT FEATURE

Last State Restricted Silver Walking Liberty Bank Rolls go to MA residents

Massachusetts residents get first dibs on last remaining Bank Rolls loaded with U.S. Gov't issued Silver Walking Liberties dating back to the early 1900's some worth up to 100 times their face value for just the \$39 minimum set for state residents - non state residents must pay \$118 per coin if any remain after 2-day deadline

► **STATE DISTRIBUTION:** A strict limit of 4 State Restricted Bank Rolls per MA resident has been imposed

“It’s a miracle these State Restricted Bank Rolls even exist. That’s why Hotline Operators are bracing for the flood of calls,” said Laura Lynne, U.S. Coin and Currency Director for the National Mint and Treasury.

For the next 2 days the last remaining State of Massachusetts Restricted Bank Rolls loaded with rarely seen U.S. Gov’t issued Silver Walking Liberties are actually being handed over to Massachusetts residents who call the State Toll-Free Hotlines listed in today’s newspaper publication.

And here’s the best part. If you are a resident of the state of Massachusetts you cover only the \$39 per coin state minimum set by the private National Mint and Treasury, that’s fifteen rarely seen U.S. Gov’t issued Silver Walking Liberties worth up to 100 times their face value for just \$585 which is a real steal because non state residents must pay \$118 per coin which totals \$1,770 if any coins remain after the 2-day deadline.

“Recently National Mint and Treasury spoke with a retired Treasurer of the United States of America who said ‘In all my years as Treasurer I’ve only ever seen a handful of these rarely seen Silver Walking Liberties issued by the U.S. Gov’t back in the early 1900’s. But to actually find them sealed away in State Restricted Bank Rolls still in pristine condition is like finding buried treasure. So anyone lucky enough to get their hands on these Bank Rolls had better hold on to them,’” Lynne said.

“Now that the State of Massachusetts Restricted Bank Rolls are being offered up we won’t be surprised if thousands of Massachusetts residents claim the maximum limit allowed of 4 Bank Rolls per resident before they’re all gone,” said Lynne.

“That’s because the dates and mint marks of the U.S. Gov’t issued Silver Walking Liberty Half Dollars sealed away inside the State of Massachusetts Restricted Bank Rolls have never been searched. But, we do know that some of these coins date clear back to the early 1900’s and are worth up to 100 times their face value, so there is no telling what Massachusetts residents will find until they sort through all the coins,” Lynne went on to say.

The only thing Massachusetts residents need to do is call the State Toll-Free Hotlines printed in today’s newspaper publication before the 2-day order deadline ends.

“Rarely seen U.S. Gov’t issued silver coins like these are highly sought after, but we’ve never seen anything like this before. According to The Official Red Book, a Guide Book of United States Coins many Silver Walking Liberty Half Dollars are now worth \$115 - \$825 each in collector value,” Lynne said.

“So just imagine how much these last remaining, unsearched State of Massachusetts Restricted Bank Rolls could be worth someday. Remember, these are not ordinary coins – these rarely seen coins date clear back to the early 1900’s. In fact, these coins have been forever retired by the U.S. Gov’t, and you can only get them rolled this way directly from the National Mint and Treasury because these are the only State Restricted Bank Rolls known to exist,” said Lynne.

“We’re guessing thousands of Massachusetts residents will be taking the maximum limit of 4 Bank Rolls because they make such amazing gifts for any occasion for children, parents, grandparents, friends and loved ones,” Lynne continued.

“We know the phones will be ringing off the hook. That’s why hundreds of Hotline Operators are standing by to answer the phones beginning at 8:30am this morning. We’re going to do our best, but with just 2 days to answer all the calls it won’t be easy. So make sure to tell everyone to keep calling if



all operators are busy. We’ll do our best to answer them all,” Lynne said.

“That’s why the private National Mint and Treasury set up the State Toll-Free Hotlines in order to make sure Massachusetts residents get the State Restricted Bank Rolls before they’re all

gone,” she said.

The only thing readers of today’s newspaper publication need to do is make sure they are a resident of the state of Massachusetts and call the State Toll-Free Hotlines before the 2-day deadline ends midnight tomorrow. ■

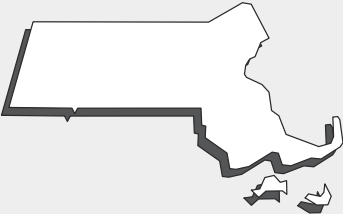
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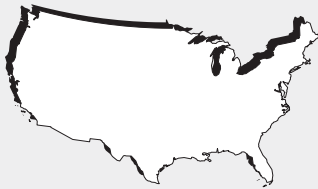
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OPINION

EDITORIAL

Tax on rich
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AFTER A YEAR THAT HAS DEVASTATED MANY small businesses due to the pandemic, Massachusetts’ business owners are facing yet another potential challenge due to the so-called “millionaires tax” proposal, which is set for a legislative vote on Wednesday. Also known as the Fair Share Amendment, the measure would impose a surtax of 4% for those with an income above \$1 million. Massachusetts currently levies a 5% flat tax rate on earners.

If the proposal passes the joint session, it would be added as a ballot question in 2022. The tax has been years in the making. In 2018, the proposed constitutional amendment was struck down by the Supreme Judicial Court before it went on the ballot. Introduced as a citizens’ petition, the court ruled that the earmarked money, transportation and education, were not “related or mutually dependent.” But the measure, filed as an amendment by lawmakers, doesn’t have the same legal requirement.

Supporters say the surtax could raise about \$2 billion in revenue for the state annually. The proposal passed both the House and Senate in 2019, mainly along party lines, thus setting it up for a second vote.

If passed by the legislature and subsequently passed by voters, the result of the tax will likely force some small business owners to leave Massachusetts for lower tax states like New Hampshire and Florida. To a degree, this is already happening. The Pioneer institute reports Massachusetts has already seen a net loss of \$20 billion to other states. With the future of work being reexamined due to the pandemic, this tax will may be the final step in forcing other businesses to leave. Instead of imposing taxes on the “rich,” states need to devise more effective way to generate revenue without competing with other states.

On Thursday, the Department of Revenue reported to have collected more that double the tax revenue than it had expected in May. According to the Boston Globe, through the fiscal year, the state has collected \$3.9 million above projections and \$1.36 billion more that it expected to collect for the entire year. Lawmakers are also looking for ways to spend \$5.3 billion in federal COVID stimulus money. Now is not the time to impose a wealth tax on our state. This is the time to work to generate the jobs required to build back a stronger tax base – with businesses feeling confident about a future in Massachusetts.

EDITORIAL

‘Obamacare’
gets better
all the time

THE PATIENT PROTECTION AND AFFORDABLE Care Act, the landmark health-care legislation that is colloquially known as “Obamacare,” was signed into law slightly more than 11 years ago now. As such, someone knowing only that little bit of history might reasonably assume that Republicans have been looking to overturn the law for roughly 11 years.

Amazingly, they’ve been at it even longer than that. Difficult as it is to remember, or even to imagine, congressional Republicans were making noise about overturning the act even before President Barack Obama affixed his signature to the legislation on March 23, 2010.

For some time, many Republicans said they wanted to repeal the law. Then, soon enough, they changed their tune, a bit, anyway, asserting that they were looking to “repeal and replace” Obamacare, though no one ever actually offered a viable replacement.

But just last week came news that should rationally have quieted the calls to end the law that members of the GOP have for so long so loved to hate: More people than ever have signed up for health insurance by using provisions of the 2010 law. In all, fully 31 million Americans have taken part.

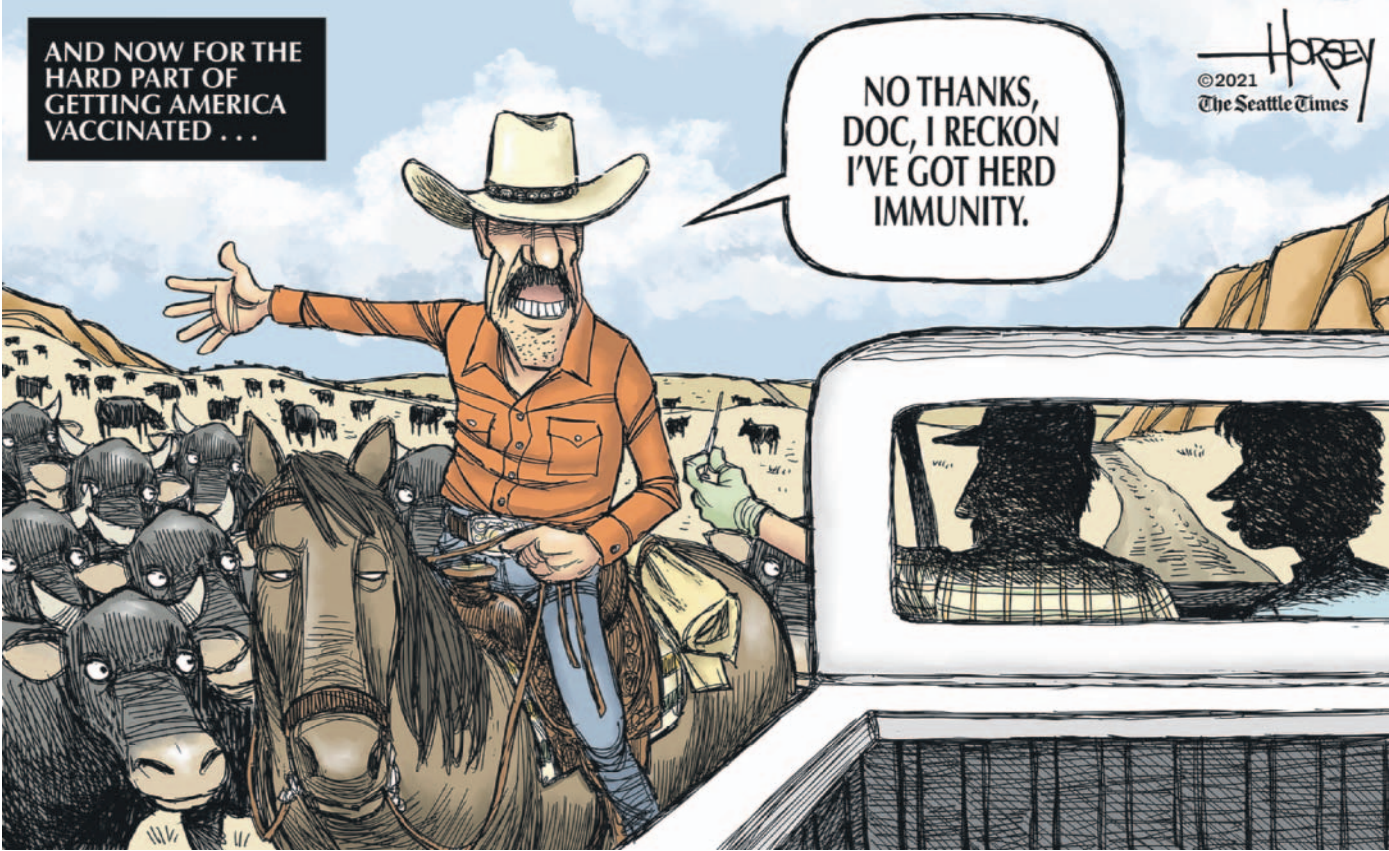
This should not only give Republican opponents pause, but ought also get folks on the progressive side of the street to stop beating the drum for a major overhaul of our nation’s health care system. Specifically, the folks clambering for Medicare for all should calm themselves, noting that Obamacare has been working wonders. Simply put: Medicare for all is pie in the sky, while Obamacare has been providing real help on the ground.

Obama and President Joe Biden took a moment to celebrate the successes of the legislation. In a taped video call released by the White House on Saturday, the former and current chief executives made note of their great achievement.

“Joe Biden, we did this together,” Obama said to the current president, who, of course, was second-in-command for the eight years that Obama was president. “We always talked about how if we could get the principle of universal coverage established, we could then build on it.”

And that’s the key. Obamacare was foundational. Those looking to tear down what’s in place — from either the right or the left — should remember that.

Biden, it’s clear, is proud of what Obamacare achieved and is wisely looking to move forward from there.



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Economists don’t know everything about the economy

ONE OF THE BIGGEST QUESTIONS hanging over the U.S. economy right now is whether the government is spending too much money. Some prominent economists are warning it’s time to pump the brakes.

President Joe Biden’s \$1.9 trillion pandemic relief package came on top of \$3.1 trillion in similar outlays back in 2020; and now the president is planning at least two new big spending initiatives for infrastructure and job creation. Some economists worry it’s too much and that higher taxes won’t be able to cover all the new spending. If that’s the case, and the Federal Reserve chooses to keep interest rates low, the result could be accelerating inflation.

But before you get too alarmed, remember that macroeconomics is a hard subject, and even the experts know only a little bit about how the economy works. So while we should definitely pay attention to economists’ intuition regarding things like government spending, inflation and unemployment, we should also keep in mind that their pronouncements are far from the final word.

Take, for example, a recent series of tweets from former Council of Economic Advisers Chair Jason Furman in which he declared that most of the economists he talks to think Biden’s relief package was too large, never mind the future bills that will come due:

Of course, this might not be the consensus of all economists; it might simply represent the thinking of the select set of economists inside Furman’s bubble. But suppose it really is the consensus among academics. Should we be worried?

Let’s talk about that. First, it’s important to realize that unlike engineers, or even meteorologists, economists don’t really have theories that can predict things like inflation or unemployment with any sort of reliability. The most complex academic forecasting models can only give a vague picture of what the economy will look like beyond a three-month horizon, and even then they tend to underperform much simpler models that an undergrad student could make and run in a few minutes. So while it’s theoretically possible that these models that can’t forecast the future will nevertheless be able to predict the effects of government policy, it’s highly unlikely.

So economists don’t have a crystal ball. What they do have is the knowledge accumulated from spending a lot of time looking at economic statistics, studying history and reading the news. So whatever machine-learning algorithm exists inside their head to generate their intuition has both far more experience and far more data than the average person’s, allowing them to have much better insights.

There’s some evidence that this is true for economists at the Federal Reserve, at least. A number of studies suggest that the Fed’s Greenbook forecasts outperform other forecasting methods, as well as private-sector economists, when it comes to predicting inflation. This could be due to Fed economists’ superior intuition, or — more likely — it could be that they have access to better data than anyone else. If it’s the latter, it means academics, who lack access to the Fed’s data, wouldn’t have an edge.

We can also look at the U.S. Econom-

ic Experts Panel, run by the Initiative on Global Markets at the University of Chicago’s Booth School of Business. This is a regular survey of top academic economists on various policy questions. Looking back at 2012, for example, we can see that economists generally didn’t worry too much that the Fed’s third round of quantitative easing would produce significant inflation:

In fact, inflation failed to materialize - prices actually fell.

But notice how uncertain the economists were! Even though two previous rounds of QE had conspicuously failed to spark inflation, fewer than half of the economists surveyed were willing to go on record saying results in 2021 would be the same! So economists’ intuition doesn’t get full marks here.

Also, economists sometimes change their mind pretty decisively on basic policy questions. In 2013, the IGM survey found that 34% of top economists thought that a \$9 federal minimum wage would substantially lower employment for low-wage workers. But by 2015, only 26% agreed that a \$15 federal minimum wage would substantially hurt low-wage employment. And then by 2020, that number was up to 40%!

So while it’s good to get input from economists on questions like whether Biden is spending too much, it’s important not to take it as gospel. Macroeconomics is such an inherently complex subject that even the top experts are often the blind leading the blind. If Furman is right about academics’ consensus, it would mean Biden should be a little bit more cautious about deficit spending — but only a little.

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China’s COVID wrongdoing warrants punishment

A GREAT DIPLOMATIC CHALLENGE lies before the Biden administration. Chinese Communist Party malfeasance sped the coronavirus into an unsuspecting world, killing 3.7 million people so far and inflicting global economic havoc. President Biden has an opportunity and responsibility to lead a fair, effective international response. Whether he does so will have enormous implications for the future.

Four months into his administration, Biden shows little sign of rising to this task. On May 26, he announced that he was giving the U.S. intelligence community 90 more days, working with U.S. scientists, to report on covid-19’s origins in China, whether from infected animals or a laboratory leak. But he also laid down a marker that the true source may never be known.

Regardless of how this investigation turns out, the regime of Chinese President Xi Jinping has already committed more than enough wrongdoing to warrant a strong response by the world’s leading democracies - a coalition that Biden should start to organize now.

The bill of particulars against the CCP begins with the overwhelming evidence that for weeks in late 2019 and early 2020, as the coronavirus was loose in China and people fell ill, Beijing covered up its dangers, exponentially accelerating international harm. Even as CCP leaders eventually imposed domestic restrictions, they allowed unwitting travelers to visit infected zones and then spread disease and death abroad.

And it was China’s reckless conduct of inherently dangerous activities - whether in unsanitary “wet markets,” where live animals are sold for food, or in CCP-run virology labs — that un-

leashed the virus in the first place.

No responsible state would have behaved so badly, as most democratic world leaders would privately acknowledge. Yet they hesitate to say so publicly, no doubt aware of what happened last spring when the Australian government urged an independent inquiry into covid-19’s origins: Beijing instantly retaliated with punitive trade sanctions. Xi seems to be reviving the tradition of Chinese emperors who ended their instructions to officials, “Tremble and obey.”

If the CCP similarly escapes consequences for playing the central role in a cataclysm that strikes innocents in homes across the world, it will grow ever bolder, seeing few lines it dare not cross.

Herein lies Biden’s diplomatic opportunity. Every nation suffers. Seldom does a president have such timber for building coalitions.

The leading democracies must act together. Their great economic power could do much to persuade China to curb its dangerous viral research activities, cooperate with the investigation of the coronavirus’s origins and, over time, pay some measure of the pandemic’s damages to other nations.

Failing that — and the CCP under Xi would surely balk — an international coalition could impose heavy costs on CCP leaders and China’s economic activities. The CCP needs access to the bulk of the world economy.

The Biden-led coalition would need to readily calibrated unilateral and multilateral measures against the CCP leadership and Chinese entities. If the CCP will not act responsibly toward the world, the world should not protect CCP leaders’ assets hidden abroad. The world should enforce claims against China’s state-owned enterprises and improper

commercial activities, and curtail preferential treatment of Chinese entities. Such measures could be phased in to give diplomacy time. New policies, new agreements or even new laws may be needed.

Would such measures be fair? In the United States, we punish destruction of evidence and consider cover-ups as indicating culpability. We hold inherently dangerous activities to strict liability. China is already clearly guilty on these counts.

The CCP would surely retaliate harshly. It might disrupt supply chains and punish people and companies most likely to unravel the democratic alliance. Like China, we have vulnerabilities - including our own supply chains - some of which we should urgently address. Finding ways to deflect the blows from China’s response would be the most demanding part of Biden’s diplomatic challenge.

The CCP has benefited enormously from access to an orderly world. Having thrown that world into disorder through its misconduct, China could have tried to right matters by embracing full disclosure and an international investigation into what went wrong. Instead, when Biden announced his directive to the U.S. intelligence community, Beijing responded with scorn.

The leading democracies may choose to swallow their losses to avoid confrontation. Biden may resolve to be tougher next time. But history shows that next time is often too late.

Mike Pompeo served as U.S. secretary of state (2018-2021) and director of the Central Intelligence Agency (2017-2018). Lewis Libby served as chief of staff and national security adviser to the vice president (2001-2005). Both are at the Hudson Institute.

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SPRINGFIELD

Gas prices rise

Gas prices are up 2.1 cents in Western Mass. this week, averaging 2.863 per gallon as the number of COVID-19 cases continue to decline and travel picks up again.

According to GasBuddy, Springfield area prices have increased 9.2 cents from last month's average of \$2.775 and 96.2 cents from last year's average of \$1.905.

Comparatively, prices are up 2.2 cents from last week and 9.7 cents from last month in Worcester. In Boston, prices are up 1.9 cents from last week and 7.9 cents from last month. In Barnstable, prices are up 16.8 cents from last week and 30.6 cents from last month.

Out of the 455 regions in the United States tracked on GasBuddy, the Springfield region is in the lower half at 166 least expensive. Worcester is the 207 least expensive while Boston is the 219 least expensive and Barnstable is the 180.

The lowest average price per gallon on this day last year was \$1.909. According to the U.S. Energy Information Administration, "Prices remained low as economic effects induced by the COVID-19 pandemic reduced both natural gas production and consumption."

As a state, Massachusetts currently has the 22nd least expensive gas prices in the country. Cheapest prices in the state can be found in Fitchburg, Hoolbrook, Medford, Leominster, Reading and Lawrence.

AMHERST

Zoning change needed for parking structure

Whether or not a downtown parking garage/structure is eventually built – potentially on municipal land currently used for a surface parking lot located behind the CVS store – this parcel would need to be rezoned first, according to Town Manager Paul Bockelman.

The idea is to rezone this town-owned 0.68-acre parcel from its current RG "general residence" zoning designation to the BG "general business" designation.

In a June 5 written report to Amherst Town Council, he said this change does not in and of itself mean there would be a parking structure built, but rather, the zoning change would put in place a needed condition for it to happen.

The parcel is located on North Prospect Street between Cowles Lane and Amity Street.

The land on which the currently paved, surface municipal parking lot sits, behind the CVS, includes a 0.38-acre parcel that is privately owned, according to Amherst town records.

This parcel is currently also zoned "general residence."

The manager's rezoning proposal comes on the heels of a recent Town Council vote that does away with the current municipal parking lot on North Common that is adjacent to Amherst Town Hall on Boltwood Avenue.

Homeless shelter gets \$20,000

The town recently donated \$20,000 to Craig's Doors homeless shelter. The money is to create handicap accessibility to the shelter's showering area.

"We have allocated \$20,000 in CARES Act funds to Craig's Doors to make modifications to the existing trailer to accommodate a handicapped accessible shower. This is the quickest, most efficient way to provide a shower facility without delays in permitting," Amherst Town Manager Paul Bockelman said in a report to the Town Council.

In a related matter involving homelessness, Bockelman said a committee he recently appointed began meeting last month.



The MBTA acknowledged yesterday that the switch in the tracks where a Springfield-built CRRC Orange Line subway car derailed in March likely contributed to the derailment. The MBTA and CRRC are working to restore the Springfield-built cars to service. (DON TREEGER / THE REPUBLICAN)

SPRINGFIELD

Factors in rail car derailment probed

Springfield-built MBTA vehicles remain out of service

By JIM KINNEY
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The MBTA acknowledged yesterday that the switch in the tracks where a Springfield-built CRRC Orange Line subway car derailed in March likely contributed to the derailment.

Jeff Gonneville, deputy general manager of the Massachusetts Bay Transportation Authority, also said another contributing factor in the March derailment near Wellington Station in Medford — one that's kept the Springfield-built cars out of service for about three months — was that the more the cars traveled the harder it becomes to turn the assembly that attaches the wheels to the rest of the car, an assembly called the bogie or the truck. At fault are parts called side bearer pads designed to regulate the amount of force needed to turn the wheels. Those pads deteriorated.

Gonneville had first reported on the side bearer pads issue last month.

To date, just 36 Orange Line cars and six Red Line cars have been delivered to the MBTA.

CRRC believes the switch, especially the lack of a guard rail, the pitch of the track and and the coefficient of force needed to roll wheels across the track all played a larger role in the derailment, according to Gonneville.

Gonneville said the MBTA feels strongly that the lack of a guardrail and the bearer pads issue in the wheel assemblies on the cars were both contributing factors. The CRRC and the MBTA both acknowledge that the force needed to turn the wheels exceeds design specifications, he said.

The MBTA and CRRC are working to restore the Springfield-built cars to service, said Gonneville, but he had no date yet.

And Gonneville said the switch and adjacent tracks at the Wellington Station site of the derailment will be rebuilt.

CRRC said through a spokeswoman that it disagrees with MBTA's contention that the side bearer pads were a key contributing factor to the derailment.

"Based on a third party analysis, CRRC has determined the root cause of the derailment was lack of guardrail at the point of derailment and excessive wheel-rail friction," spokeswoman Lydia Rivera said. "Simulation results under hypothetical scenarios including with or without the guard rails and by accounting for the worst track conditions further demonstrates infrastructure issues.

Although we understand that the MBTA must take every step to exhaust any and all scenarios that led to the derailment, we will not, as a reputable railcar builder, accept fault for an incident of such sensitivity when reports are identifying other contributing factors. We pledge to work with the MBTA to ensure further analysis and more creative simulations are conducted to confirm our understanding of the root cause of the derailment."

Yesterday's meeting came the day before CRRC plans to host the media and city officials today at its Springfield factory to celebrate work beginning here on subway cars for Los Angeles.

CRRC received a \$566 million contract from the MBTA in 2014 to build 152 Orange Line cars and 252 Red Line cars in Springfield. In 2016, the state upped the order with another 120 Red Line cars, with a production cost of \$277 million.

The Orange Line project is expected to be completed in 2023, the Red Line in 2024.

As part of the deal, Chinese-owned CRRC built a factory in Springfield to assemble the cars — shells are built in China but about 60% of the parts are U.S.-

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WASHINGTON

Much-debated Alzheimer's drug approved by FDA

Effectiveness against disease fiercely questioned

By MATTHEW PERRONE
Associated Press

Government health officials yesterday approved the first new drug for Alzheimer's disease in nearly 20 years, disregarding warnings from independent advisers that the much-debated treatment hasn't been shown to help slow the brain-destroying disease.

The Food and Drug Administration said it granted approval to the drug from Biogen based on results that seemed "reasonably likely" to benefit Alzheimer's patients.

It's the only drug that U.S. regulators have said can likely treat the underlying disease, rather than manage symptoms like anxiety and insomnia.

The decision, which could impact millions of older Americans and their families, is certain to spark disagreements among physicians, medical researchers and patient groups. It also has far-reaching implications for the standards used to evaluate experimental therapies, including those that show only incremental benefits.

The new drug, which Biogen developed with Japan's Eisai Co., did not reverse mental decline, only slowing it in one study. The medication, aducanumab, will be marketed as Aduhelm and is to be given as an infusion every four weeks.

Dr. Caleb Alexander, an FDA adviser who recommended against the drug's



The FDA approved Aduhelm, the first new medication for Alzheimer's disease in nearly 20 years, disregarding warnings from independent advisers that the much-debated treatment hasn't been shown to help slow the brain-destroying disease. (BIOGEN VIA AP)

approval, said he was "surprised and disappointed" by the decision.

"The FDA gets the respect that it does because it has regulatory standards that are based on firm evidence. In this case, I think they gave the product a pass," said Alexander, a medical researcher at Johns Hopkins University.

The FDA's top drug regulator acknowledged "residual uncertainties" surround the drug, but said Aduhelm's ability to reduce harmful clumps of plaque in the brain is expected to help slow dementia.

"The data supports patients and caregivers having the choice to use this drug," Dr. Patrizia Cavazzoni told reporters. She said FDA carefully weighed the needs of people living with the "devastating, debilitating and deadly disease."

Under terms of the so-called accelerated approval, the FDA is requiring the drug-

maker to conduct a follow-up study to confirm benefits for patients. If the study fails to show effectiveness, the FDA could pull the drug from the market, though the agency rarely does so.

Biogen said the drug would be priced at approximately \$56,000 for a typical year's worth of treatment, and said the price would not be raised for four years. Most patients won't pay anywhere near that amount thanks to insurance coverage and other discounts. The company said it aims to complete its follow-up trial of the drug by 2030.

The non-profit Institute for Clinical and Economic Review said that "any price is too high" if the drug's benefit isn't confirmed in follow-up studies.

Some 6 million people in the U.S. and many more worldwide have Alzheimer's, which gradually attacks areas of the brain needed for memory, reasoning, communication and basic daily tasks. In the final stages of the disease, those afflicted lose the ability to swallow. The global burden of the disease, the most common cause of dementia, is only expected to grow as millions more baby boomers progress further into their 60s and 70s.

Aducanumab helps clear a protein called beta-amyloid from the brain. Other experimental drugs have done that before but they made no difference in patients' ability to think, care for themselves or live independently.

The pharmaceutical industry's drug pipeline has been littered for years with failed Alzheimer's treatments, representing billions in research costs.

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BOSTON

Formation of new political districts debated

By MATT MURPHY
State House News Service

As local officials wait for the U.S. Census Bureau to provide community-specific population data, Secretary of State William Galvin said yesterday that legislation to put Congressional and legislative redistricting ahead of local repredistricting would be “devastating” to cities and towns, putting him at odds with voting rights advocates.

Galvin, the state’s chief elections official, testified before a legislative committee that it would be a mistake to pass a bill that would reverse the order of the repredistricting and redistricting, arguing that it would strip the authority of local government to define its own political geography.

The secretary’s position puts him at odds with the House Chair of the Redistricting Committee Michael Moran, a fellow Democrat from the Brighton neighborhood of Boston, who has proposed to reverse the traditional order and follow a process used in the majority of states.

“I will urge the governor to veto this if it gets to that point. I believe he will,” Galvin said.

But advocates say the change would allow the Committee on Redistricting to draw more precise and equitable House, Senate and Congressional districts without worrying about creating confusion for voters by subdividing local precincts.

It would also give the Legislature more time to finalize state and federal district maps before November, which is the time when lawmakers planning to seek reelection must make sure they reside within their new district boundaries.

Lawmakers are preparing for the decennial process of redrawing the district boundaries for state and federal offices based on the 2020 Census, which recorded 7.4% population growth in Massachusetts over the past decade, bringing the state’s population to 7,029,917. Delays in the count and the release of data, however, have shortened the window state Democrats have to produce new maps by the fall.

The U.S. Census Bureau has said local data will be delivered by Sept. 30, with the potential for some information to be shared in early August. By changing the order of redistricting and repredistricting, legislators could begin to prepare final maps as soon as the data is released rather than wait for local precincts to solidify, supporters said.

Moran, the assistant House majority leader who led the redistricting process 10 years ago, has filed a bill (H 820) that would remove the June 15 deadline for cities and towns to redraw local precinct boundaries, and instead require the Legislature to first



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Secretary of State William Galvin

redraw the boundaries for state and federal offices. Local governments would then have 30 days after the governor signs off on the new maps to conform their precincts to the new districts.

The change would free up the Committee on Redistricting to use Census tracts and blocks to build new districts without having to worry about subdividing local precincts.

Supporters say these building blocks are smaller and more precise than local wards and precincts and will allow the Redistricting Committee to more easily create districts that are not only equal in size, but also ones that keep ethnic and racial communities together.

Moran did not testify on his legislation, but members of a coalition of voting rights groups known as the Drawing Democracy Coalition weighed in with their support.

“This legislation is going to be that imperative fix to continue to recognize the values of equity and racial justice here in the commonwealth so we can continue to draw district lines and have the Redistricting Committee have the flexibility to increase political power in communities of color,” said Rahsaan Hall, director of the racial justice program with the ACLU.

SPRINGFIELD

Resident seeks council seat

Candidate backs funding police, more jobs for residents

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Michael Kelly Lee, a lifelong resident of Springfield, recently announced his candidacy for an at-large seat on the City Council, calling for safer streets and more jobs for residents.

Lee, 49, of 360 Nassau Drive, is a first time candidate for office and grew up in the Forest Park area. He is a graduate of Central High School.

“I want what is best for the city,” Lee said in a recent announcement of his candidacy. “Safer streets. Better schools. Real economic development and Jobs!”

He is a former employee of the Hampden County House of Corrections and is a seasonal golf course worker at the Franconia Golf Course, according to his release.

Regarding public safety, Lee said that “defunding Police at any time is wrong.”

“I want to fund the police and all first responders with all the resources they need,” Lee said. “I want to help keep the kids off the streets and out of the gangs.”

He said he proud to call Springfield his home.

On other issues, Lee said he is a supporter of East-West rail, believing “it will be nice when Springfield residents can take a train to work in Boston and bring the money back to Springfield.”

He said he also supports harsher fines on illegal fireworks.

Regarding MGM Springfield, Lee said the resort casino “was supposed to bring 3,000 jobs and lower our taxes.”

“They lost the most Star Studded hall of fame induction ceremony in the history of the Hall,” Lee said. “As a world leader in the gaming industry, MGM should have been in position to rebound once COVID restrictions lifted.”

The Naismith Memorial Basketball Hall of Fame moved its 2020 enshrinement weekend from Springfield to Mohegan Sun in

Connecticut last month, saying it was a one-time switch deemed better suited to provide coronavirus safety.

Lee said he was a 1991 Western New England Golden Gloves champion, and is a volunteer youth boxing coach at the Holyoke Boys and Girls Club and Central City Gym.

“I thought of running (for council) when there were gun shots on Trafton Road last year near my mothers house. Followed by weeks of illegal fireworks,” Lee said.

The Springfield municipal election is Nov. 2.

There are 10 residents who are certified for the ballot for the five at-large council seats this year including all five incumbents.

There is no preliminary election in September due to all 30 candidates for council and School Committee qualifying for the final ballot.

The November election includes all 13 seats on the City Council, including eight ward seats, and six seats on the School Committed.

There is no mayor’s race as Mayor Domenic J. Sarno is mid-way through a four-year term.

GUATEMALA CITY

Harris to migrants: Do not come

Associated Press

Vice President Kamala Harris offered an optimistic outlook for improved cooperation with Guatemala on addressing the spike in migration to the U.S. after her meeting with Guatemalan President Alejandro Giam-mattei yesterday. She also delivered a direct warning to migrants considering making the trek: “Do not come. Do not come.”

Her comments, during a press conference after she met privately with the Guatemalan president, underscored the challenge that remains even as Harris engages in substantive talks with the Guatemalan and Mexican presidents during a three-day visit to the region this week, her first foreign trip as vice president.

“I want to emphasize that the goal of our work is to help Guatemalans find hope at home,” Harris said. “At the

same time, I want to be clear to folks in this region who are thinking about making that dangerous trek to the United States-Mexico border: Do not come, do not come.”

In conjunction with Harris’s trip, the Biden administration announced the Justice Department would create an anti-corruption task force and an additional task force to combat human trafficking and drug smuggling in the region.

SPRINGFIELD

1st Latina city clerk named

Oyola Lopez has been election commissioner since 2010

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The City Council yesterday voted unanimously to select Election Commissioner Gladys Oyola-Lopez as the new city clerk, becoming the first Latina to serve in that position.

The vote was 12-0 in favor of Oyola-Lopez, one of three finalists who were interviewed by the full council after being pared down from 72 initial applications by a council search committee. Interviews were conducted during the remote meeting by Zoom.

Oyola-Lopez replaces Tashena Davis, who resigned as city clerk effective June 1, after 22 months in that post. Davis has returned to the Law Department as a first associate city solicitor.

Oyola-Lopez was appointed to a six-year term.

“It was a very competitive pool and I’m thrilled the council tonight elected Commissioner Oyola to serve as the next city clerk,” said Councilor Michael Fenton, chairman of the City Clerk Search Committee. “She was the best candidate for the job and proved so tonight.”

Oyola-Lopez was recommended by Mayor Domenic J. Sarno. The appointment now

moves for salary negotiations with Sarno.

She has been election commissioner since 2010, and also served as deputy city clerk. Oyola-Lopez previously worked as election assistant and was a chief of staff for former state Rep. Cheryl Coakley Rivera.

The other two finalists were: Rosa Jones of Jonesboro, Georgia, head administrative assistant to the Georgia State Board of Workers Compensation. She is a native of Springfield and said she is moving back to the area, and will move to the city if chosen.

Christopher Lizotte, of Springfield, coordinator of military and veterans services for Massachusetts Bay Community College. He is former director of veterans services in West Springfield.

Some councilors asked for Monday’s vote to be postponed due to questions raised about the salary and the extent of duties.

Sarno has stated that he intends to expand Oyola-Lopez’s duties beyond the clerk’s office to also include oversight of the Election Office and 311 department and to become a cabinet head. Sarno was not offering the expanded role to the other two finalists, Fenton said.

During her council interview, Oyola-Lopez said that a “common thread” of her experience has been public service.

She said that serving the public “has really been a pas-

sion of mine personally and professionally.” In addition, she said she can work well with the City Council, the mayor, and other city officials without bias or partisanship.

The city clerk is responsible for the recording of vital statistics, legal records and official City Council records, as well as the issuance of various licenses and official documents, according to the job description.

Some councilors objected to the posted salary, which was listed as \$92,270 with adjustments possible according to experience. Some councilors said they believed the prior two clerks had salaries of \$100,00 or more, and questioned why it was reduced.

Fenton said the mayor, not the council, has authority over salary.

An attempt to delay Monday’s vote failed as eight councilors voted to proceed and four were opposed. Councilor Gumersindo Gomez was absent.

The search committee, as appointed by council President Marcus Williams, also included Councilors Victor Davila and Melvin Edwards.

Councilors who were seeking additional information and raising questions about the extent of duties and other issues were Tracey Whitfield, Kateri Walsh, Justin Hurst, and Davila, but all joined in the unanimous vote for Oyola-Lopez.

NORTHFIELD

Motorcyclist killed in crash

A local man was killed while riding a motorcycle on Sunday, making it the second fatal crash in two days in Western Massachusetts.

A driver traveling south on Route 63 came upon the crash and called police for help at 8:18 p.m., Sunday. The person remained on the scene until

officers arrived, said Laurie Loisel, spokeswoman for Northwestern District Attorney David E. Sullivan.

The victim’s name has not been released yet.

The crash occurred just one day after Gregory J. Papageorge, 39, of Hatfield, was killed after his motorcycle went off the road at about 1:30 a.m. Saturday at the intersection of Pantry and Mountain roads in Hatfield. He died at the scene,

she said.

Both fatal crashes are being investigated by Massachusetts State Police troopers assigned to the Northwestern District Attorney’s Office and its Collision Analysis and Reconstruction Section. The Office of the Chief Medical Examiner will determine the cause of death for both men, Loisel said.

Northfield Police and State Police troopers also responded to the crash, she said.

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Death Notices

Services and calling hours

ALLEN, Maureen J.
WED (6/9/21) 4:00PM-7:00PM family gathering to celebrate Maureen's life. THURS (6/10/21) 9:00AM funeral ceremony-- all to take place in Southwick Forastiere Funeral & Cremation, Southwick MA; followed by services in Massachusetts Veterans' Memorial Cemetery, Agawam

ASSELIN, Wayne P.
Meet at St. Jerome Cemetery in Holyoke for burial on Tues., June 8, at 10 a.m. Following, all are welcome to a Celebration of Life at Summit View, Holyoke.

BARNHART, Philip Holmes
The family will receive friends on Friday, June 11th, from 4-7pm at Forastiere Smith Funeral & Cremation, 220 N. Main St., East Longmeadow, MA. A service will follow at 7:00pm. Burial will be private

COURNOYER, Norman A.
Visiting hrs on 6/9 from 6-8PM at Curran O'Brien Funeral Home, S. Hadley. Funeral at 8:30AM on 6/10 at funeral home, Liturgy at 10AM in Blessed Sacrament Church, Holyoke.

COURNOYER, SR., Norman A.
Visiting hrs 6/9 from 6-8PM at Curran O'Brien Funeral Home, S. Hadley. Funeral at 8:30AM on 6/10 from funeral home, Liturgy at 10AM in Blessed Sacrament Church, Holyoke.

DITOMASSI JR., George Robert
Wake Wed June 9, 4:00-7:00 PM, Forastiere Smith Funeral Home, 220 N. Main St. East Longmeadow. Thurs June 10, 10:00AM at the funeral home, 11:00AM at St. Mary's Parish, 519 Longmeadow St., Longmeadow. Burial Longmeadow Cemetery.

FORD, Victoria L.
Service on 6/10. Wake from 10-11:30AM. Services at 11:30AM at Evangelical Covenant Church, Springfield. Burial to follow.

FRENIERE, Deborah L.
Visiting Hours Thurs. June 10th from 4-7pm at Brunelle Funeral Home, Chicopee. Visit Fri. Life Point Church, Chicopee 9:30-10:30am, with Service at 10:30am. Burial Fairview Cemetery, Chicopee

GO NYEA, David P.
Visiting hours Thurs., June 10, 2021, 5:00-7:00 PM Kapinos-Mazur Funeral Home, 64 Sewall St., Ludlow, MA. Service 7:00 PM. Burial will be private.

HASTIE OKAI, Mary Jane
Visiting hours are Tuesday, June 8th, from 4:00-6:00pm, with a service at 6:00pm at Forastiere Smith, 220 N. Main Street, East Longmeadow. www.forastiere.com

HAY, Jayne Hope
Visiting Hours: Friday, June 11, from 9-11AM at Sampson's Chapel of the Acre. A celebration of life will follow beginning at 11AM at Sampson's. Burial will be at Hillcrest Park Cemetery

JEWELL, Rylee
Visiting hours, Wed 6/9 9-11am. Funeral mass 12 noon St. Mary's Longmeadow. Burial at Longmeadow cemetery.

KEALEY, Eva-Jeanne
Calling hrs from 3-6PM on Tues, 6/8 at Leete-Stevens Enfield Chapels, 61 South Rd, Enfield.

MAREK, Wayne J
All services were held privately for the family. Agawam Funeral Home was entrusted with his arrangements.

MARTIAL, Richard P.
Calling hrs are morning of funeral, Sat., June 12, in St Cecilia's Church, Wilbraham from 10-11 AM with a Funeral Mass at 11AM.

MATCHETT, JR., William J.
Calling Hours Wednesday, June 9, 4-7pm at Nowak Funeral & Cremation Services, 15 Ludlow Ave., Springfield. Funeral Service Thursday, June 10, 9:30am at the funeral home, burial to follow in Wales Cemetery #4, Wales, MA.

MOREAU, Rachelle
Visiting hours, Tues 6/8 8:30a-10:30a Forastiere Smith 220 N. Main St E Long. Funeral Mass 11:00a St. Michael's E. Long. Burial at Gate of Heaven Spfld.

O'BRIEN, SR., Victor R.
Memorial Mass Thursday 6/10 at 4pm at St. Cecilia Church, Wilbraham. Committal Friday at 11am at MA Vets Cemetery, Agawam.

PARISI, Theresa A.
Family and friends are invited to Theresa's Liturgy of Christian Burial Wednesday, June 9, 10 a.m. at Mt. Carmel Church. Her burial in Gate of Heaven Cemetery will be private.

PAUL, Wilfred L.
Funeral Mass Tues. 9 am Christ the King Church, Ludlow. No Visiting Hours at St. Pierre-Phaneuf Springfield-Chapels (413-737-1177). stpierrephaneuf.com

POWELL, David J.
Calling hour Tues June 8th from 12:30-1:30pm at Agawam Curran-Jones Funeral Home followed by committal service at Mass Veteran's Cemetery at 2pm.

SANTOS, Antonio Dos
Funeral Tues. June 8, 2021. Ludlow Funeral Home. Visiting hours Tues, 9:00-10:15 am at the funeral home. Mass in Our Lady of Fatima Parish 11:00am. Burial Island Pond Cemetery.

SHEA, Francis J.
Memorial Mass Tuesday June 8, 2021 at 11AM at St. Cecilia Church, Wilbraham.

ST. GERMAIN, Mary C.
Visiting hours will be held on Tuesday from 4-6:30PM followed by a Celebration of Life at 6:30PM in the Firion Adams FS, 76 Broad St. Westfield.

SULLIVAN, JR., John L.
Calling Hours Sat., June 12th 12-2pm at Nowak Funeral & Cremation Services, 15 Ludlow Ave., Springfield

WITHEE, Donald F.
Graveside Wednesday 11am at the MA Veterans Memorial Cemetery, 1390 Main Street, Agawam. No calling hours. Curran-Jones Funeral Home is in charge.

WOODS, F. Stephen
Visitation is Wednesday 4-7 p.m. at the Beers & Story Palmer Funeral Home with services on Thursday at 10 a.m. at Bethany Charismatic Catholic Church. Burial will follow in South Cemetery.

David P. Gonyea
1961 - 2021



THREE RIVERS

David P. Gonyea, 59, of Three Rivers, passed away on Wednesday, June 2, 2021. Son of the late Clarence and Shirley (Cummings) Gonyea, he was born in Springfield on June 24, 1961. David was a graduate of Ludlow High School and worked as a salesman and general contractor. He worked hard to provide an amazing life for his family. He loved playing and coaching hockey, golf and fishing. David had an infectious laugh. He always had a funny story to tell and gave everything he had to his family and friends.

David is survived by his wife of 40 years Maudine (Germain) Gonyea; 3 sons Andrew Gonyea; Benjamin Gonyea (Mellissa Keefe); Kyle Gonyea (Alex); his daughter Jennifer Buchanan (Bryce). He also leaves his brothers Thomas Gonyea (Sandra); William Gonyea (Carol); John Gonyea (Jim); Joseph Gonyea (Kathy); and his sisters Carol St. Onge (Michael); Kathleen Sanford (Donald) and Laurie Larsen. David also leaves his granddaughter Nova, as well as many nieces and nephews. In addition to his parents, David was predeceased by his brother Ronald Gonyea in 2013.

Visiting hours for David will be Thursday, June 10, 2021 from 5:00-7:00 PM at the Kapinos-Mazur Funeral Home, 64 Sewall St., Ludlow, MA. A service will follow at 7:00 PM. Burial will be private at the convenience of the family. David's family asks that in lieu of flowers you honor his memory with a donation to Shriners Hospital for Children, 516 Carew St, Springfield, MA 01104 or Dakin Humane Society, 171 Union St., Springfield, MA 01101.

For more information please go to www.kapinosmazurfh.com



Sally M. Petit
1937 - 2021



HOLYOKE

Sally M. Petit, of Chicopee passed away June 3, 2021 in Holyoke Medical Center. Born in Holyoke January 10, 1937 she was the oldest daughter of Arthur & Sadie "Sally" (Dent) Petit. She Graduated Magna cum laude and Class President from St. Jerome High School in 1956. Sally worked for 30 years at the former New England Telephone Co. as an Auditor and retired in 1986. She was a former member of the George Burns Chorale & Russ Falvey singers, the Dan Kane Singer's and a member of the Telephone Pioneers, also a member of the Immaculate Heart of Mary Choir in Granby and a former Communicant. Sally is survived by her son Mark Andrews of Agawam, her granddaughter Mckayla M. Mendes, her sisters Mary Lou Kresge of So. Hadley, Christine Lindsay (Donald) of Granby, Rosalie McLean (David Sr.) of Belchertown and a brother Richard Petit (Patricia) of Westfield, Several nieces, nephews and many cousins. Sally was predeceased by her sisters Helena Dudley, JoAnn Lafreniere and brothers Arthur Petit Jr. and Charles Petit. Funeral Services will be held on Thurs. June 10th from the Dillon Funeral Home, Inc. 124 Chestnut St Holyoke beginning at 11 a.m with an inhouse Prayer Service at 1 p.m. followed by Burial and Committal in St Jerome Cemetery Holyoke.

Lianne Fleury-Casey
1960 - 2021



DENNISPORT

Lianne Fleury-Casey, a longtime resident of Amherst, MA passed away in the early morning hours of June 5th, 2021 with her family by her side. She was 61 years old.

She grew up in South Hadley and graduated from South Hadley High School with the Class of 1978. She then attended Assumption University where she received both her bachelor's and master's degrees. Specializing in vocational rehabilitation and psychology, she entered the worker's compensation, disability and managed care industry with a relatively new company called General Rehabilitation Services. It became her second family and she was one of the company's rising stars. As the company was bought and sold several times, she finally retired as Regional Vice President of Genex Services, Inc., a national leader in the field. She was very proud of reaching the top rung professionally as her work life and work relationships were so much a part of who she was. She thrived on the challenges.

She married her high school sweetheart and lifelong love, David Casey and together they had two sons of whom she was most proud. She was a fiercely protective, loving, attentive, supportive, and nurturing mother. Family was everything to her, and she was involved in every aspect of her children's lives. She never missed a school play, game, recital, race or event in which her boys participated. Lee put her all into everything she did. She was not one to simply have a party, plant a garden, decorate a house or any number of things she excelled at. Her parties were legendary and memorable. Her gardens were tour worthy and at times breathtaking. And her home at Christmas was something to behold. The neighborhood Halloween party was an event eagerly anticipated by everyone. She set the bar high, and it showed in everything she did.

As a child, her family vacationed on Cape Cod every single year. That ritual was sacred to her and she carried on the tradition with her own family. Five years ago, she and David purchased a small cottage on Swan Pond in Dennisport, and it became her special place. She loved running down for a long weekend with her mom, a week here and there, or inviting her close friends to escape there for a few days. Nothing was more enjoyable to her than a day at the beach. Every morning began with looking out the back window to see if it was a "beach day". She also enjoyed traveling with her family, and in addition to the memories created at the Cape, trips to Ireland, England, France and Spain were both special and memorable. The name of her Cape house was "Perfect Moments", and she was continually aware of how important each day was.

Lee was an exceptional person, friend, colleague and mentor. She radiated beauty inside and out, and just loved being present in everything for everyone. She had an innate ability to always say and do the right thing for the people around her. Most important to her was being a good friend to those she was close to, and that

list was quite long. Known as an exceptionally giving person, she never missed a birthday, anniversary or other special event without just the right card, gift or phone call. Those who knew her best marveled at how she could juggle so much, constantly look so good, and always light up every room with her smile. Her drive and determination were matched by her empathy and compassion.

Her groups of friends were everywhere. She maintained close relationships from kindergarten, high school, college, her workplace, her neighborhood, and her church. Amongst her closest friends, were her tightknit group of college friends - the Greyhound girls. They were involved in every aspect of her life and are an extended family to her "three boys".

She and her husband had recently sold their home in Amherst, and were living on Cape Cod while their new home is being constructed in South Hadley. She was looking forward to being back in western Mass again, closer to family and her many old and dear friends. The planning and decorating of this new home was exciting for her, and she relished picking out new furniture, fixtures, textures and colors.

A doting daughter to her parents, she was predeceased by her father, Richard Fleury.

She leaves behind her husband of 36 years, David and her two sons Christopher (31) of Somerville, MA and Alexander (27), of Arlington, VA who are her proudest accomplishments. She also leaves behind her mother Anne Fleury of South Hadley, her brother Richard and wife Teri of South Hadley, sister Pamela and husband Frank Mislak of Cohoes, NY and brother Stephen of South Hadley. The very long list of nieces and nephews, godchildren and in-laws knew they were all lucky to have Auntie Lee in their life.

Visiting hours will be Thursday, June 10th from 4pm to 7pm at the Douglass Funeral Home at 87 North Pleasant Street in Amherst. A liturgy of Christian Burial will be at 10am on Friday, June 11th at Saint Brigid's Church, 122 North Pleasant Street in Amherst with burial immediately following at Evergreen Cemetery in South Hadley.

In lieu of flowers gifts may be made in memory of Lianne to either:

The Pan Mass Challenge to support the Dana-Farber Cancer Institute at <http://pmc.org/DC0366>

or to Assumption University, University Advancement, 500 Salisbury Street, Worcester, MA 01609. Memorial guestbook at www.douglassfuneral.com

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Rylee Elizabeth Jewell
2006 - 2021



LONGMEADOW

Rylee Elizabeth Jewell, 14, of Longmeadow, while showing her unbelievable strength and unbreakable love passed surrounded by her family on June 4th. She was born June 21st, 2006 to Richard and Jennifer Jewell. Her family will never forget her smile that would light up the room, the strength she would always show in the midst of anything she faced. And will forever be known as the best sister a brother could have and the lessons she taught everyone. In addition to her parents, she will forever be loved and missed by her brother Ryan, and her grandparents Barbara and Peter Janeski and Barbara Jewell. She also will be missed by her godparents Candace Cybert and Thomas Brassil; her aunts and uncles Sabrina Brassil, Maureen Jewell, Wayne and Lori Jewell, Jay and Doreen Jewell, Julie Abbruzzese, and James Janeski. She also leaves many loving cousins and great aunts and uncles. Family and friends are invited to celebrate Rylee's life at Forastiere Smith Funeral Home at 220 North Main St, East Longmeadow on Wednesday June 9th from 9-11 with a period of visitation. A Liturgy of Christian Burial will follow beginning at 12 noon at St. Mary's in Longmeadow. She will then be laid to rest at Longmeadow Cemetery. Rylee's family wishes to thank the many doctors, nurses, and medical staff who provided her such compassionate and dedicated care throughout her life. They would especially like to thank her nurses Patricia Gerani and Nancy Paulides as well as Dr. Paul Salva, and Dr. Leif Nordstrom; as well as Dr. Mustafa Caylon and Megan Mayo, RN at Baystate Palliative Care. In lieu of flowers, the family kindly directs memorial contributions to be made to Baystate Children's Hospital: 759 Chestnut Street 4th Floor Springfield, MA 01199.



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Norman A. Cournoyer, Sr.
1942 - 2021



HOLYOKE

Norman Arthur Cournoyer, 79, a lifelong "Holyoker" passed away after a long illness at home surrounded by his family on Thursday, June 3, 2021. Born on January 22, 1942. He was predeceased by his parents Arthur and Jeanette (Taupier) Cournoyer and his brother Laurence Cournoyer. For 41 years, Norman was an employee of Hamilton Standard/Sunstrand Space & Sea Division retiring in 2007 as an Electronics Lead man, where he had top secret governmental clearance. He enjoyed spending time with his family, woodworking, working on automobiles and Amateur Radio, his call sign N1AFY was retired 6/5/2021. He would have celebrated 58 years of marriage on June 22nd to his beloved wife, Darlene "Dar" (Antes) Cournoyer. In addition to his beloved wife, Norman is survived by his two sons, Norm, Jr (Renata) of W. Springfield; Rick Cournoyer (Dawn) of Fernandina Beach, FL; his daughter, Cheryl Schussler (Mark) of Lawrenceville, GA; his nine cherished grandchildren: Jason (Jen), Kirt (Nicole), Jeff (Sabrina), Kristen, Ashley (Alex), Jennifer, Brandon, Caitlyn and Thomas; his three precious great grandchildren: Liam, Erika and Jace. He leaves behind, a brother, Raymond Cournoyer (Debra) of Chicopee; his sister, Denise Beegle (James) of Lacey, Washington; his sisters-in law, Alice Cournoyer of South Carolina, Joanne Tobiasz of Holyoke as well as many nieces, nephews and cousins. Visiting hours will be held on Wednesday, June 9, 2021 from 6-8PM at Curran O'Brien Funeral Home 33 Lamb St., S. Hadley, MA 01075. His funeral will begin at 8:30AM on Thursday, June 10, 2021 from the funeral home and be followed by a Liturgy of Christian Burial at 10AM in Blessed Sacrament Church, Holyoke, MA. The burial will be private. Memorial donations in Norman's name can be made to Blessed Sacrament Church. Please visit www.curranobrien.com for more details and to share online condolences.



Deborah L. Freniere
1966 - 2021



LUDLOW

Deborah L. Freniere, 54, passed away on Saturday, June 5, 2021. She was the daughter of Annette (Couture) Tardiff of Ludlow and Paul Urban Tardiff of Fort Pierce, FL. Debbie was educated in the Chicopee Schools and a graduate of Chicopee Comprehensive High School. She worked for several years as an Administration Assistant / Secretary at many places, including New England School Supply and worked for 10 years at Community Action Daycare in Westfield, where she enjoyed caring for children. Debbie loved children, doing arts and crafts and spending time with her family. She will be remembered for the many years of giving back to her Church community and teaching Sunday School at LifePoint Church in Chicopee and previously at Beulah Baptist Church in Chicopee. She will be missed by her beloved husband of 20 years, Norman A. Freniere Jr., and by her daughter Faith, both of Ludlow. She is also survived by her sisters, Jennifer Tardiff and husband Eric of Fort Pierce, FL, and Tammy Cornelio and husband Jim of Chicopee; several nieces and nephews, including Brandy, Keisha, Zachary, Destiny, and Joshua; her beloved sister-in-law, Donna and husband Greg and their 5 children of Savannah, GA, as well as her aunts, uncles, and several dear cousins. She will also be missed by her beloved pets Toby and Hero. Visiting Hours will be held on Thursday, June 10, 2021 from 4pm-7pm at the Brunelle Funeral Home, 811 Chicopee St., in Chicopee. Funeral Services will be held on Friday, June 11, 2021 at Life Point Church, 603 New Ludlow Rd., Chicopee with a visitation at the church from 9:30 to 10:30am. Debbie's service will promptly begin at 10:30am. Burial will be held in the Fairview Cemetery in Chicopee. Because, Debbie was a two-time survivor of Childhood Cancer, please make any Memorial donations in Debbie's name to Shriners Hospital for Children, 516 Carew St. Springfield, MA 01104. For more details and to leave an online expression of sympathy for Debbie's family, please visit www.brunellefuneralhome.com



Fernando Batista

1921 - 2021

LUDLOW
Fernando Batista, 100, passed away peacefully at home surrounded by his family on June 4, 2021. Fernando was born in Ludlow, MA, on March 9, 1921, son of the late Maria Juliano and Joao Batista. As a small child, his family returned to Portugal to live in their small village known as Padornelos, Montalegre, where he happily lived into adulthood. He proudly served in the Portuguese Cavalry in Chaves. Fernando married the love of his life, the late Maria Vasques in 1947 and continued to live in Padornelos with their children, Maria Fernanda and Augusto. Due to economic hard times, in 1960 Fernando ventured back to Ludlow on his own in hopes of providing a better life for his family. He worked hard, saved, and traveled back to Portugal in 1962 with the purpose of bringing his family to America, later that year they immigrated to the United States and settled in Ludlow for the rest of life. Faithful communicant of Our Lady of Fatima Church and member of the Gremio Lusitano Club for many years. He worked at different companies; ultimately, he retired from Smith & Wesson. Fernando was a humble and kind man who was truly devoted to his family. Always happy and welcoming to all and cherished time spent with loved ones. When he was not with his family, you would find him in his meticulous vegetable garden or by his beautifully maintained grapevine. He continued to garden up until 2 years ago and was always happy to share his vegetables and grapes with friends and family. Fernando is now reunited in heaven with his beloved wife, Maria Vasques. They were married for 69 years before she passed away in 2016. He is also now reunited with his cherished daughter, Maria Fernanda Pires who he adored. Fernando is predeceased by his dear sister



Candida Batista Pires and his uncle Manuel Juliano.
Fernando leaves his loving son, Augusto Batista and wife Deborah, his son-in-law, John Pires, grandchildren, Diane Pires Murphy and husband Brian, Jessie Batista and wife Valerie, Jessica Batista, Christina Gelula, Jonathan Gelula & Jamie, great-grandchildren, John Brian Pires Murphy, James Pires Murphy, Christian Batista, Kailyn Batista and Addy Gelula. Also leaves many nieces, nephews, extended family, and friends.

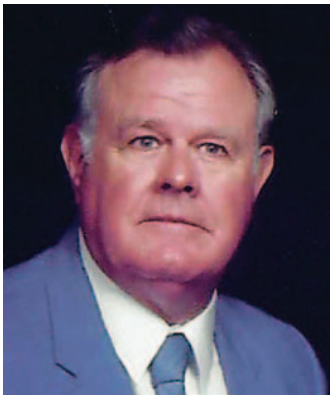
A special thank you to May Charland from Excel Home Care for taking excellent care of Fernando for the last three years. Also, thanks to Karen Lee and Gary Grimes and all the staff at Trinity Health hospice for all their care, support and compassion during this time. The family will be celebrating Fernando's life with a private funeral service and In lieu of flowers, donations may be made in Fernando's memory to Our Lady of Fatima Church 438 Winsor St. Ludlow, Ma. 01056 or to Trinity Health hospice 200 Hillside Circle, Suite 2 West Springfield, MA 01089.



Donald F. Withee

1922 - 2021

WEST SPRINGFIELD
Donald F. Withee, 98, entered into eternal rest on Sunday, June 6, 2021 at home surrounded by his family. Born in Westfield son of the late George and Gladys (McDonald) Withee, he was a lifelong resident of West Springfield and a 1939 graduate of West Springfield High School. He also received his Bachelors degree in Business from Northeastern University. Donald was a retired terminal manager of the former Schaeffer Trucking Company and was also an employee of the former Gilbert & Barker Manufacturing Company for over twenty-five years. He was a United States Marine Corp veteran of World War II, serving in the Third and Fifth Divisions in the Bougainville and Iwo Jima campaigns. While in the service, Donald was awarded the Asiatic Pacific Medal with two bronze battle stars and two Purple Heart Medals. Donald was a tutor of English as a Second Language at STCC for many years, served as Secretary of the Fellowship of Retired Men, and was a Historian writer for the First Congregational Church, where he was a member. Donald leaves his wife of seventy-three years, Blanche (Fish) Withee, a son and his wife, Robert and Lee Withee of Brookline, NH, a daughter, Donna Jacobs of Great Barrington, a son-in-law,



Michael Jacobs of New York City, a brother, Stewart Withee of Agawam, a sister, Louise Rogerson of Glastonbury, CT, his loving grandchildren, Laura Jacobs of New York City, Christine Denio of CO, Donald Withee of NH, Robert Withee of MA, and many great and great-great grandchildren. A service will be held in the chapel of the Massachusetts Veterans Memorial Cemetery, 1390 Main Street, Agawam on Wednesday, June 9, 2021 at 11am. Donations may be made to the West Springfield Senior Center, 128 Park Street, West Springfield, MA 01089 or the First Congregational Church, 108 Park Street, West Springfield, MA 01089. For online condolences, please visit www.curranjones.com



A PRAYER TO THE HOLY SPIRIT

Holy Spirit, You who made me see everything and showed me the way to reach my ideal. You, who gave me the divine gift to forgive and forget the wrong that is done to me and you, who are in all instances of my life with me. I, in this short dialogue want to thank you for everything and confirm once more that I never want to be separated from you no matter how great the material desire may be. I want to be with you and my loved ones in your perpetual glory. Amen. Thank you for your love towards me and my loved ones. Persons must pray the prayer three consecutive days without asking your wish. After third day wish will be granted no matter how difficult it may be. Then promise to publish this dialogue as soon as this favor is granted. I will never stop trusting in God and His power.

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SCIENCE

Carbon dioxide levels hit historic high

Number 50% higher than preindustrial time despite pandemic

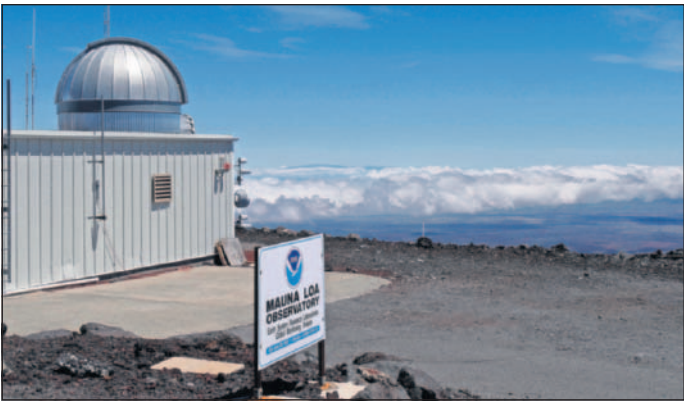
By SETH BORENSTEIN
AP Science Writer

The annual peak of global heat-trapping carbon dioxide in the air has reached another dangerous milestone: 50% higher than when the industrial age began.

And the average rate of increase is faster than ever, scientists reported Monday.

The National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration said the average carbon dioxide level for May was 419.13 parts per million. That's 1.82 parts per million higher than May 2020 and 50% higher than the stable pre-industrial levels of 280 parts per million, said NOAA climate scientist Pieter Tans.

Carbon dioxide levels peak every May just before plant life in the Northern Hemisphere blossoms, sucking some of that carbon out of the atmosphere and into flowers, leaves, seeds and stems. The reprieve is temporary, though, because emissions of carbon dioxide from burning coal, oil and natural gas for transportation and electricity far exceed what plants can take in, pushing greenhouse gas



This 2019 photo provided by NOAA shows the Mauna Loa Atmospheric Baseline Observatory, high atop Hawaii's largest mountain in order to sample well-mixed background air free of local pollution. Heat-trapping carbon dioxide levels in the air peaked in May 2021, in amounts nearly 50% higher than when the industrial age began and they are growing at a record fast rate, scientists reported yesterday. (SUSAN COBB/NOAA GLOBAL MONITORING LABORATORY VIA AP)

levels to new records every year.

"Reaching 50% higher carbon dioxide than preindustrial is really setting a new benchmark and not in a good way," said Cornell University climate scientist Natalie Mahowald, who wasn't part of the research. "If we want to avoid the worst consequences of climate change, we need to work much harder to cut carbon dioxide emissions and right away."

Climate change does more than increase temperatures. It makes extreme weather — storms, wildfires, floods and droughts — worse and more frequent and causes oceans to rise and get more acidic,

studies show. There are also health effects, including heat deaths and increased pollen. In 2015, countries signed the Paris agreement to try to keep climate change to below what's considered dangerous levels.

The one-year jump in carbon dioxide was not a record, mainly because of a La Nina weather pattern, when parts of the Pacific temporarily cool, said Scripps Institution of Oceanography geochemist Ralph Keeling. Keeling's father started the monitoring of carbon dioxide on top of the Hawaiian mountain Mauna Loa in 1958, and he has continued the work of charting the now famous Keeling

Curve. Scripps, which calculates the numbers slightly differently based on time and averaging, said the peak in May was 418.9.

Also, pandemic lockdowns slowed transportation, travel and other activity by about 7%, earlier studies show. But that was too small to make a significant difference. Carbon dioxide can stay in the air for 1,000 years or more, so year-to-year changes in emissions don't register much.

The 10-year average rate of increase also set a record, now up to 2.4 parts per million per year.

"Carbon dioxide going up in a few decades like that is extremely unusual," Tans said. "For example, when the Earth climbed out of the last ice age, carbon dioxide increased by about 80 parts per million and it took the Earth system, the natural system, 6,000 years. We have a much larger increase in the last few decades."

By comparison, it has taken only 42 years, from 1979 to 2021, to increase carbon dioxide by that same amount.

"The world is approaching the point where exceeding the Paris targets and entering a climate danger zone becomes almost inevitable," said Princeton University climate scientist Michael Oppenheimer, who wasn't part of the research.

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Amazon founder going into space

Bezos will join rocket's 1st crew flight this summer

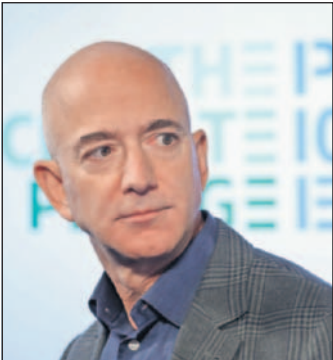
By MARCIA DUNN
Associated Press

Outdoing his fellow billionaires in daredevilry, Jeff Bezos will blast into space next month when his Blue Origin company makes its first flight with a crew.

The 57-year-old Amazon founder and richest person in the world by Forbes' estimate will become the first person to ride his own rocket to space.

Bezos announced his intentions yesterday and, in an even bolder show of confidence, said he will share the adventure with his younger brother and best friend, Mark, an investor and volunteer firefighter. He said that will make it more meaningful.

Blue Origin's debut flight with people aboard — after 15 successful test flights of its reusable New Shepard rockets — will take place on July 20, a date selected because it is the 52nd anniversary of the first moon landing by Apollo 11's Neil Armstrong and Buzz Aldrin.



Amazon CEO Jeff Bezos will be among the people on Blue Origin's first human space flight next month. The company said that Bezos will be joined on the New Shepard flight by his brother Mark and the winner of an online auction. (ASSOCIATED PRESS FILE PHOTO)

The Bezos brothers will launch from remote West Texas alongside the winner of an online charity auction. There's no word yet on who else might fill the six-person capsule during the 10-minute flight that will take its passengers to an altitude of about 65 miles, just beyond the edge of space, and then return to Earth without going into orbit.

Bezos said he has dreamed of traveling to space since he was 5.

"To see the Earth from space, it changes you. It changes your relationship

with this planet, with humanity. It's one Earth," Bezos said in an Instagram post. "I want to go on this flight because it's a thing I've wanted to do all my life. It's an adventure. It's a big deal for me."

Added his brother: "I wasn't even expecting him to say that he was going to be on the first flight, and then when he asked me to go along, I was just awestruck."

Bezos will step down as Amazon's CEO 15 days before liftoff. He announced months ago that he wants to spend more time on his rocket company as well as his newspaper, The Washington Post.

His stake in Amazon stands at \$164 billion, which will make him by far the wealthiest person to fly to space.

Until now, thrill-seeking billionaires have had to buy capsule seats from the Russian space program or, more recently, Elon Musk's SpaceX, which plans its first private flight in September. These orbital trips, generally lasting several days, with visits to the International Space Station, have cost tens of millions of dollars per person.

The flight by Blue Origin's New Shepard capsule, named for Alan Shepard, the first

American in space, will last five minutes less than Shepard's history-marking suborbital ride aboard a Mercury capsule in 1961.

But Blue Origin's capsule is 10 times roomier with a huge window at every seat — the biggest windows ever built for a spacecraft, in fact.

The company, based in Kent, Washington, is working to develop an orbital rocket named after John Glenn, the first American to circle the Earth.

The Bezos flight will officially kick off the company's space tourism business. The company has yet to start selling seats to the public or even to announce a ticket price for the short trips, which provide about three minutes of weightlessness.

Blue Origin's launch and landing site is 120 miles southeast of El Paso, close to the Mexican border. After the capsule separates, the rocket returns to Earth and lands upright, to be used again. The capsule, also reusable, descends under parachutes.

Virgin Galactic's Richard Branson also plans to ride into space aboard his own airplane-launched rocketship later this year after one more test flight over New Mexico.

NORTHAMPTON

Fire heavily damages iconic hot tub business

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Firefighters spotted smoke and flames coming from the roof of a well-known hot tub and massage business and quickly stopped to extinguish the blaze before employees even had a chance to call 911 yesterday.

"As our people were running out the firefighters were running in," said Ken Shapiro, the managing partner of East Heaven spa.

The fire at East Heaven was spotted at 5:23 p.m. by firefighters on Engine 1 who were driving up West Street over their return from another call, Fire Chief Jon Davine.

"They pulled up and they did a great job and saved most of the building and kept from spreading to the restaur

rant and the tenement on the left," Davine said.

No one was injured in the fire, but Davine estimated the damage to be at least \$500,000.

The roof, which includes an outdoor covered hot tub, and the second floor were damaged by fire while the first-floor lobby area and basement received smoke and water damage, he said.

Because temperatures exceeded 95 degrees Davine called for assistance from Hadley, Easthampton and South Deerfield fire departments. The fire was brought under control in 10 to 15 minutes, he said.

The alarms in the building alerted the eight people, including two clients who were getting massages, to the flames and they were all

able to escape safely.

Robin Shapiro, Ken's wife, was working in the lobby when other employees ran to her and told her to get out. She said she left everything, including her keys, phone and wallet and fled just as firefighters were coming into the building.

"The firefighters were so nice. They went back in and grabbed all the keys and phones and anything they thought we would need," she said.

They also helped Ken Shapiro save the three large koi which have been swimming around in the tank in the lobby for 15 years. The fish were not harmed and he was trying to find another tank for them until they can be returned to the building. "Everyone is healthy, no

one got hurt and the rest is all details," he said.

The cause of the fire remains under investigation by the Office of the State Fire Marshal and the Northampton Fire Department, Davine said.

"We did have some service work, electrical and plumbing, done today. It started in the area where the fire was but I don't know if it was related," Shapiro said.

Shapiro and partner Scott D. Nickerson opened the business on Dec. 16, 1981. In June 2004 they expanded to offer massages as well.

East Heaven was closed down for some time in 2020 because of the COVID-19 pandemic but business had been picking up in the past few months, Nickerson said.

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MLB Jays extending Buffalo stay

The Toronto Blue Jays are extending their stay at their adopted home in Buffalo, New York, through July 21.

The team previously was committed to playing in Buffalo through July 4.

The Blue Jays are back at their Triple-A affiliate's home in Buffalo for a second season after being prevented from playing home games in Toronto because of Canadian border restrictions caused by coronavirus pandemic. Toronto spent the first two months of this season at its spring training facility in Dunedin, Florida, before relocating to Buffalo last week.

COLLEGE FOOTBALL Alabama extends Saban's contract

Alabama coach Nick Saban, who has won a record seven national championships, has agreed to a three-year contract extension running through the 2029 season.

Alabama announced the extension yesterday, including \$8.425 million in base salary and talent fee for the current contract year with annual raises of unspecified amounts.

The 69-year-old Saban, who has led the Crimson Tide to six national championships since taking over in 2007, will receive an \$800,000 "contract completion benefit" after each contract year from 2022-25.

NFL Ex-Chiefs coach pleads not guilty

Former Kansas City Chiefs assistant coach Britt Reid pleaded not guilty yesterday to critically injuring a young girl in a crash, but the judge allowed him to resume driving with restrictions.

The judge modified his bond during his arraignment to allow him to have a special interlock device installed that requires him to pass a breathalyzer test before his vehicle will start.

Reid, the son of Chiefs Coach Andy Reid, was charged with driving while intoxicated causing serious physical injury in April, two months after he hit two cars on an Interstate 435 entrance ramp near Arrowhead Stadium. A child in one of the cars, 5-year-old Ariel Young, suffered a traumatic brain injury.

He was driving about 84 mph shortly before the collision and had a blood alcohol level of 0.113 two hours after the crash, police said. The legal limit is 0.08.

Reid was placed on administrative leave. The Chiefs then allowed his contract to expire.

OLYMPICS Top boxer awarded US team spot

Keyshawn Davis and two fellow American boxers were awarded places in the Tokyo Olympics yesterday, allowing Davis to make an improbable return to USA Boxing five months after the touted lightweight turned professional amid conflict with the national governing body.

The 22-year-old Davis will be one of the favorites in the 63-kilogram division.

The U.S. men's team is sending five men to Tokyo with the additions of Davis, featherweight Duke Ragan and middleweight Troy Isley at the conclusion of the haphazard Olympic qualifying process caused by the coronavirus pandemic.

— *Associated Press*

TENNIS | FRENCH OPEN

Djokovic, Nadal defeat Italian teens

By SAMUEL PETREQUIN
Associated Press

PARIS — For two sets and more than two hours at the French Open yesterday, Novak Djokovic found himself being outplayed by a 19-year-old opponent from Italy making his Grand Slam debut.

And yet, to hear Djokovic tell it afterward, he had the kid right where he wanted him. Which turned out to be true.

Rafael Nadal also faced an Italian who's just 19 in the fourth round – and also needed a bit of time to get going. Nadal's trouble lasted all of eight games and less than 45 minutes before he seized control, ran his Roland Garros streak to 35 consecutive sets and joined Djokovic in reaching a record 15th quarterfinal at the clay-court major tournament.

After dropping a pair of tiebreak-

"I like to play young guys in best-of-five, because I feel even if they are leading a set or two sets to love, as it was the case today, I still like my chances."

Novak Djokovic

ers, Djokovic suddenly went from a big deficit to his best tennis. He grabbed 13 games in a row before Lorenzo Musetti stopped playing because of lower back pain and cramps while trailing 6-7 (7), 6-7 (2), 6-1, 6-0, 4-0.

"I like to play young guys in best-of-five, because I feel even if they are leading a set or two sets to love, as it was the case today, I still like my chances," said the top-seeded Djokovic, who is 34, "because I feel like I'm physically fit and I know how to wear my opponent down."

Nadal, who turned 35 last week, trailed 5-3 early on against the 18th-seeded Jannik Sinner, who served for the first set at 5-4.

But 13-time French Open champion Nadal took eight games in a row and, after a blip in the second set, resumed his excellent play and closed his 7-5, 6-3, 6-0 win on another eight-game run.

"He played better. That's all there is to say," Sinner summarized.

About the only thing that bothered Nadal down the stretch: He complained to the chair umpire that the

stadium's artificial lights shouldn't have been switched on while there was still sunlight.

"They say it is because of the TV," Nadal said. "But my answer is: We used to have TV before we had the lights on here in Roland Garros. I saw plenty of matches here — and from the TV, the quality of the image was great without the lights."

Musetti, a talented Italian so good at the outset with his one-handed backhand and tremendous touch, is hardly used to this best-of-five-set format at the majors and he took a medical timeout after the fourth.

"It didn't make sense to keep playing. I couldn't win any points or stay in the rallies. It was hard for me to move," he said. "I was at my limit."

Djokovic wound up 9 for 9 on his break-point chances and with a 53-

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BOSTON Game 5 showdown

Bruins wing Brad Marchand celebrates a first-period goal by linemate David Pastrnak against Islanders goaltender Semyon Varlamov in Game 5 of their Stanley Cup playoff series last night at TD Garden. The game ended too late for the print edition. For coverage, go to [masslive.com/bruins](https://www.masslive.com/bruins). (ELISE AMENDOLA/ASSOCIATED PRESS)

MLB | RED SOX 5, MARLINS 1

New leadoff hitter sparks Boston

Christian Arroyo drives in 2 as Sox win makeup game

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BOSTON — As the Red Sox continue to reel off wins, they're still searching for a leadoff hitter.

It may one day be Jarren Duran – the speedy outfielder leapt up to No. 29 in Baseball America's Top 100 prospects yesterday – but that day has not yet arrived.

Kiké Hernández was scribbled onto the top of the lineup card to start the season, but his on-base percentage was less than .300 in 39 starts. Since then Danny Santana has gotten a short-lived crack, and yesterday, it was Christian Arroyo's turn, and he came through, driving in two in Boston's 5-3 win over the Miami Marlins.

"We're just trying to get something going up there," manager Alex Cora said before the game. "There's no – how can I put it – the information department, there's no numbers, there's nothing. We're just like, you know what, hopefully he goes there and he does his job. There's other guys that are scuffling right now, they're trying to find their swings, we've just gotta find somebody that goes up there and puts (up) good at-bats and sets the table. Or hits a home run."

Arroyo didn't homer, but he did respond with an excellent afternoon at a muggy Fenway Park.

He went 2-for-3 with a double and was a sparkplug on the basepaths, twice nabbing an extra base as Marlins fielders napped. He also worked a walk and reached base in three of his four plate appearances.

The Red Sox got off to a hot start on a 95-degree



Miami's Jorge Alfaro is forced out at second as Red Sox second baseman Christian Arroyo turns a double play in the fourth inning last night in Boston. (MICHAEL DWYER / ASSOCIATED PRESS)

day, as Xander Bogaerts gave them an early lead with some terrific baserunning. After lacing a first-inning single off Zach Thompson, the shortstop went first to third on a Rafael Devers single. When Thompson uncorked a curveball in the dirt, Bogaerts got a terrific break as the ball skipped away from the catcher, sliding headfirst into home to put the Sox up 1-0.

They added another run in the third when Arroyo and Alex Verdugo hit back-to-back doubles, and struck for three runs in the fifth inning, punctuated

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CELTICS

Assistant interviews for top job

By BRIAN ROBB
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The Boston Celtics' search for a new head coach to replace Brad Stevens is now in full swing, with a growing list of franchises around the NBA also looking to fill vacancies after some movement on the coaching carousel over the weekend.

According to a league source, Celtics assistant coach Scott Morrison was the latest candidate to interview for Stevens' spot yesterday morning. Assistant Jerome Allen has also been interviewed and longtime assistant Jay Larranaga will be in the mix as well before the team starts the interview process with candidates outside the organization.

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Morrison, 43, was the G-League Coach of the Year in 2015 with the Maine Red Claws and has been a Celtics assistant since 2017. He's also worked as an assistant coach with several Canadian national teams in the past decade.

Allen, 48, played in the NBA and overseas for a combined 14 years and has been a Celtics assistant since 2015. He also has head coaching experience at Penn. Larranaga, 46, has been with the Celtics organization since 2012 and has been a candidate for numerous head coaching positions around the league over the past three years.

A long list of external names are expected to receive consideration, including former Hawks head coach Lloyd Pierce, Lakers assistant Jason Kidd and Brooklyn Nets assistant Ime Udoka.

Two new head coaching positions have opened in the past week, in Portland and Orlando, as those two teams parted ways respectively with Terry Stotts and Steve Clifford. Portland is a respected job, but the Boston opening remains the most highly sought opening on the market, according to league sources.

Jason Kidd electing to pull himself out of consideration for the Blazers does not appear to be related to his candidacy in Boston.

The Magic opening will likely go to a coach with player development focus as the franchise begins rebuilding following the midseason trades of Nikola Vucevic, Evan Fournier and Aaron Gordon.

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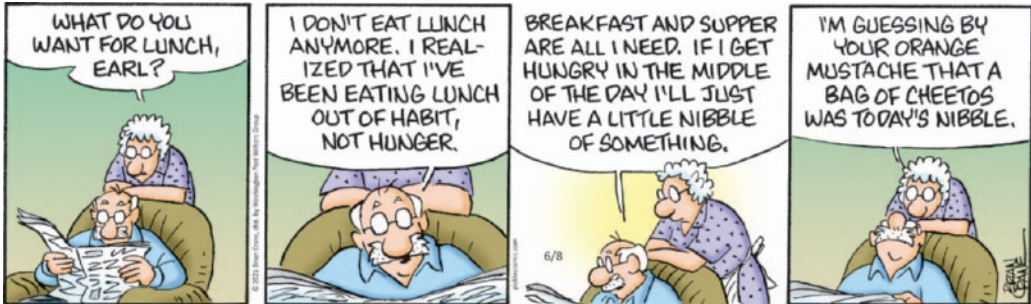
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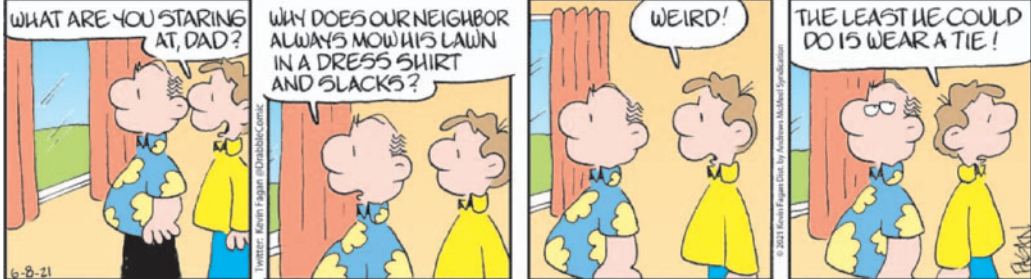
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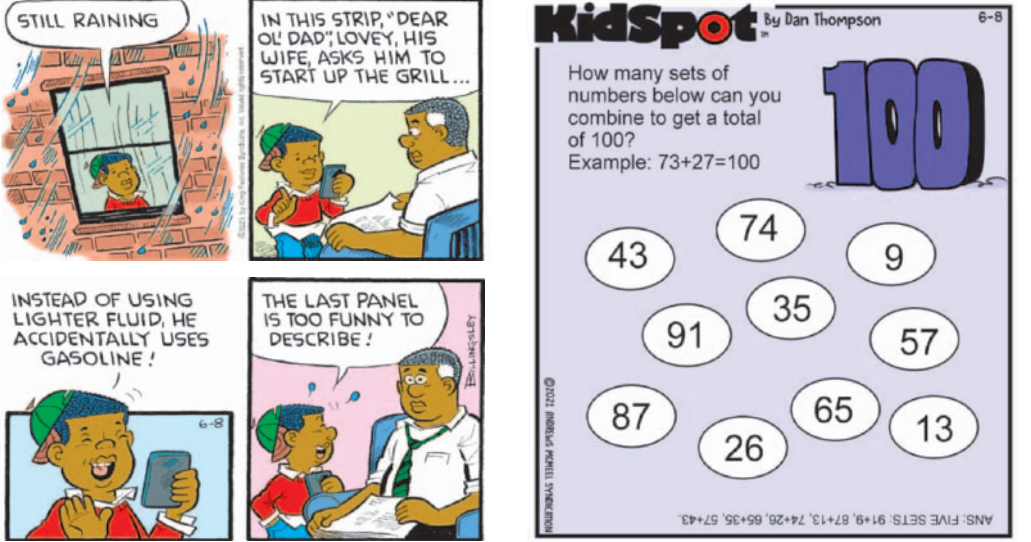
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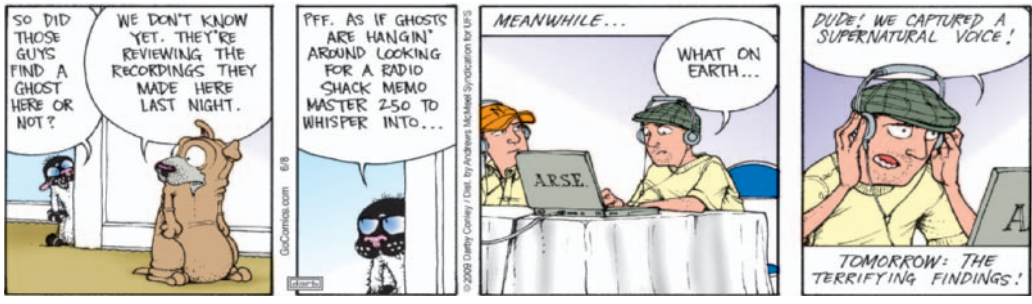
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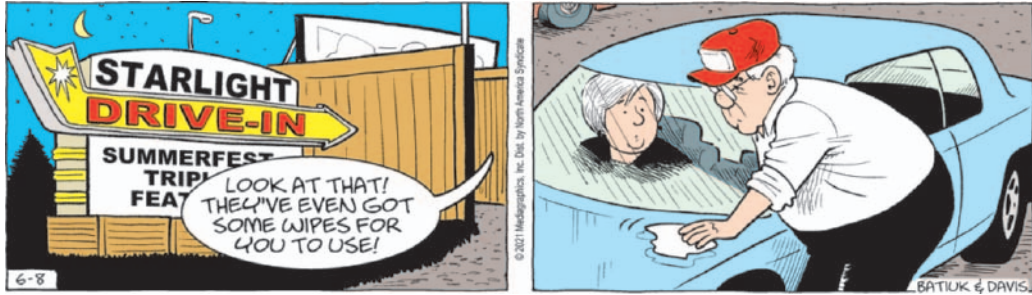
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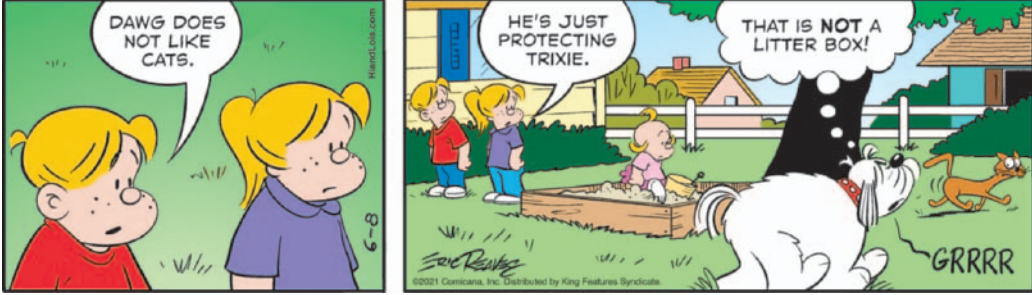
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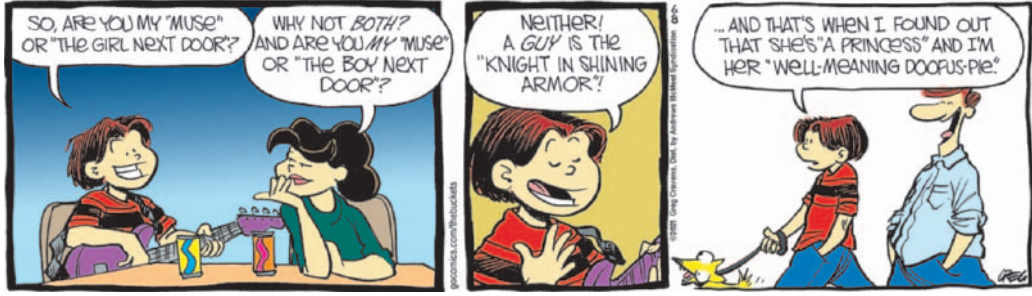
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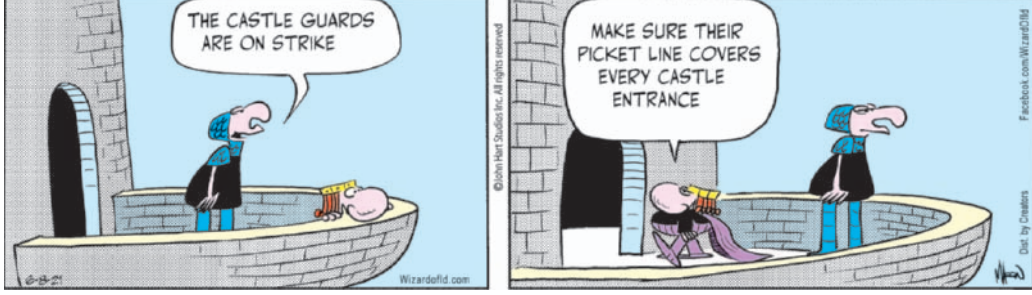
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5 Ivy League school

6 Story

7 Marry

8 Mars and Jupiter, e.g.

9 River to the Baltic

10 Flaccid

11 Eve's grandson

16 Equipment

20 "Ben- —"

21 Speed detectors

22 Blubber

23 Ozone, for one

24 Mine yield

25 Fragrant tree

26 Greyhound vehicle

27 Devoured

28 Call — day

29 Refusals

31 Prized possession

34 Bit of wit

35 Craving

37 Treaties

38 Peruse

39 Outside (Pref.)

40 Tehran's country

41 Calf-length

42 Caron title role

43 Sciences' partner

44 Hum-drum

46 Flushed

47 Joke

Solution time: 22 mins.

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Yesterday's answer 6-8

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Man fed up with proselytizing in-laws

DEAR ABBY: I am having trouble dealing with my wife's extended family, who are mostly evangelicals. My family isn't overly religious and some are atheists. Her family doesn't think twice about asking me if I have a relationship with God, and have even declared that they are praying for me and my children. I chafe at these comments because I feel they do not respect our religious beliefs, as I do theirs.

This has been going on for all of the 40 years we've been married, and I'm ready to disassociate from them altogether. I do not want to be negative about their beliefs, but I should be entitled to mutual respect. Can you help, please? - LOSING PATIENCE IN CALIFORNIA

DEAR LOSING: I can try. One of the tenets of the faith of evangelicals is evangelizing — in other words, spreading the word about their beliefs. They feel that by doing this they are following their religion. When you are asked whether you have a relationship with God, your response should be that your relationship with God is as close as you need it to be,

thank you — AND PLEASE DO NOT ASK AGAIN.

When they tell you they are praying for you and your children, say thank you again. A little prayer on our behalf hurts no one, and may make them feel better about their own lives. Limit your exposure if you must, but shunning your in-laws isn't the answer if your wife wants to maintain a relationship with them.

DEAR ABBY: My ex-husband had an affair with a woman named "Lily" that lasted for the entire year we were separated. Although we tried to work on things, he continued to sleep with both of us. I got PTSD because of how bad it messed with my head. I wanted to keep my family together, but I was tired of being hurt.

When I finally let go, so did Lily. She got engaged not long after meeting her new boyfriend, but she and my ex still slept together. He had four relationships after her and kept trying to pursue me, but I didn't give him any more chances and met my now-husband.

After cheating in their subsequent relationships, my ex and Lily got back

together. (She moved in because her fiance kicked her out.) Eight months later they are now engaged. I don't feel safe with my son around them because they are so toxic. Am I wrong for wishing they would separate again and both stay out of my life? It's affecting me emotionally again, as well as making it hard for me to love. - ALMOST DESTROYED IN ILLINOIS

DEAR ALMOST DESTROYED: You are spending too much time focused on your ex and his fiancée. They are birds of a feather and meant for each other. Because you are unable to eliminate your ex from your life — I presume because of the child you share — and the stress is affecting your mental health, it's time to consult a licensed mental health professional for help in insulating yourself from this toxic twosome

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HOROSCOPE
By EUGENIA LAST

If today is your birthday: A realistic approach to life, love and happiness will help you achieve peace of mind. Concentrate on what's important to you, and make lifestyle changes that suit your needs. Take control of your life. Refuse to put up with people and situations that make your life miserable. Your happiness is your responsibility.

GEMINI (May 21-June 20) - Stay focused on what's meaningful to you. Too much of anything won't make you happy. Maintain integrity. A minimalist attitude will pay off.

CANCER (June 21-July 22) - Put more energy into things that matter to you. Offer innovative ideas that will help make your life and the lives of those around you more efficient.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22) - Offer alternatives when faced with opposition. Be willing to cooperate and compromise. The easier you make it for others, the more respect you will gain.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22) - Say little, but do a lot. Put your heart into what you believe is best for you and those you love. Don't listen to someone pushing his or her agenda.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 23) - Consider what it will take to reach your goal and how taxing it will be on you physically before you proceed. Don't commit to something you can't pull off.

SCORPIO (Oct. 24-Nov. 22) - A change will make you feel better about your future. Add to your qualifications. Explore something that interests you. Don't hesitate to do things differently.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 23-Dec. 21) - Do your homework before you get involved in something new. A partnership won't provide what it claims. Look at the fine print before you sign.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19) - Distance yourself from people who ask for too much. Don't wait until you are angry to put an end to a difficult situation. Choose your battles wisely.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 19) - Beware of erratic people who can't make a decision or fall short of your expectations. Stay focused on what you are trying to achieve.

PISCES (Feb. 20-March 20) - Spend less time analyzing a situation and more time doing what you want. Make an adjustment at home that will help you accomplish your goals.

ARIES (March 21-April 19) - Be direct when dealing with problems and finding solutions. Evasiveness is not acceptable. Be open and receptive to others' input.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20) - Work with what you have. Designate a space that is conducive to getting things done. A disciplined approach to work will help you build trust and respect.

ALMANAC

Today is the 159th day of 2021 and the 81st day of spring.

TODAY'S HISTORY: In 1789, James Madison, then a member of the House of Representatives, proposed the Bill of Rights to Congress.

In 1949, George Orwell's "Nineteen Eighty-Four" was published.

In 1982, President Ronald Reagan became the first U.S. president to address a joint session of the British Parliament.

TODAY'S BIRTHDAYS: Robert Schumann (1810-1856), composer; Frank Lloyd Wright (1867-1959), architect; Francis Crick (1916-2004), biophysicist; Barbara Bush (1925-2018), U.S. first lady; Jerry Stiller (1927-2020), comedian/actor; Joan Rivers (1933-2014), comedian/actress; Sara Paretsky (1947-), author; Tim Berners-Lee (1955-), World Wide Web inventor; Scott Adams (1957-), cartoonist; Julianna Margulies (1966-), actress; Kanye West (1977-), rapper/producer; Maria Menounos (1978-), actress/TV personality.

TODAY'S FACT: George Orwell died just seven months after "Nineteen Eighty-Four" was published, due to complications from tuberculosis.

TODAY'S SPORTS: In 1966, the National Football League and the American Football League announced their merger as the NFL, with American and National conferences.

TODAY'S QUOTE: "Embrace your losses like you do your victories ... you'll discover they're just preparing you for a greater victory in the future." — Maria Menounos

DEAR ABBY

BRIDGE

By PHILLIP ALDER

Victor Hugo could have been commenting about bridge players when he pointed out: "A man is not idle because he is absorbed in thought. There is a visible labor and there is an invisible labor."

In today's deal, how should the play have gone in four hearts? West led the diamond eight: nine, 10, two. East cashed the diamond ace and continued with the diamond jack.

This contract defeated all seven declarers in a Spanish tournament some years ago. They ruffed the third round of diamonds high, drew two rounds of trumps ending in the dummy, took the club finesse and cashed the club ace. When the king didn't drop, they conceded down one.

Could East have held only two clubs? Not really, because that would mean he had opened one no-trump with 4=2=5=2 shape — not impossible, but unlikely.

Given that East has three clubs, South, with only one dummy entry for two finesses, must run all of his trumps after taking a club finesse. The dummy retains the queen-10

North 06-08-21

♠ Q 10 6 3

♥ A 2

♦ Q 9 5 4

♣ 10 7 2

West

♠ K J 8 5 4

♥ 7 3

♦ 8 6

♣ 9 8 6 5

East

♠ A 7 2

♥ 8 4

♦ A K J 10 7

♣ K 4 3

South

♠ 9

♥ K Q J 10 9 6 5

♦ 3 2

♣ A Q J

Dealer: East

Vulnerable: East-West

South	West	North	East
4♥	Pass	Pass	Pass

Opening lead: ♦ 8

of spades and a club. South has one spade and the ace-jack of clubs left. Which three cards does East keep? He must hold two clubs, so comes down to one spade. If he retains the ace, a low-spade exit endplays him to lead away from the club king, taking the second finesse for South. But if East jettisons the ace, a low spade toward dummy's queen leaves West with no answer.

South scores a 10th trick with either dummy's spade queen or his club jack.

To defeat the contract for sure, East had to cash the spade ace at trick two or three — not obvious.

CRYPTOQUIP

Q E N B P U Z N Q L W Q L G J E
R N I A J L X P B N A P U P I Q T Q J F R ,
Q T F P R R Q Z B J F I G X P N

W Q C C P U J E Z K P E N Q Z K .
Yesterday's Cryptoquip: HIT MOVIE ABOUT A HINDU RELIGIOUS SAGE WHO IS LOVED BY EVERYONE HE MEETS: "SWAMI DEAREST."
Today's Cryptoquip Clue: R equals S

JUMBLE

Unscramble these Jumbles, one letter to each square, to form four ordinary words.

PYTIS

GTMIH

PNDUIA

NGIOGN

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Print answer here:

(Answers tomorrow)

Yesterday's Jumbles: GIZMO ICING BROKEN LONGER

Answer: When King Kong and his wife went to the beach, Mrs. Kong wore a — "BIG-KINI"

